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TAFT WILL GO SLOWLY IN FILLING OFFICES

NEGRO DELEGATIONS AT WHITE HOUSE

No Immediate Changes in Sight Major Brooks is in the Limelight - Truth Wanted About Liberia - Social Pickups.

Special by Thompson's National News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5.—President Taft is making haste slowly in the matter of filling or instituting changes in the offices allotted by some peculiar popular notion to colored men. Of applicants there is no end, and many of them are placing on file some strong letters of recommendation. Not a few are coming to the White House in person and are being presented by influential statesmen, who give them unequivocal endorsements. The President has received a score or more delegations of Negroes in the past few weeks, and all have been given the "glad hand" and characteristic Taft smile. He has listened patiently and with interest to all that has been said to him touching the fitness and valuable political labors of the persons recommended, and has lent a sympathetic ear to those who have felt called upon to give their views upon the race problem in general. Whether they have come from the South, North, West or East, each delegation of our people has gone away impressed with the broad, genial and frank nature of the President, and no one has been made to feel that he is not deeply concerned about the welfare of the race, politically, commercially and educationally. His questions are direct and each case is handled with the same judicial care that it would receive if it had come to him as a part of a court docket. No one who visits President Taft can doubt his absolute sincerity. He instantly commands confidence. He takes pains to show them exactly the embarrassments under which he labors in trying to find satisfactory lodgment for more pegs in the public service rack than there are holes in which to place them. He finds it impossible to name applicants, no matter how anxious they may be for recognition, for places in which no vacancy exists and where no one is able to show any cogent reason for making one. He fails to see why he should remove any incumbent who is rendering efficient service, who is giving satisfaction to the patrons of his office, and who, perhaps, have been more loyal to the administration than any of those who are seeking the place. Yet, while the President does not seem to base his ultimate choice upon the pre-convention attitude of any candidate for preferment, there is no doubt that he will see to it that the men who braved criticism and who endured all manner of abuse last spring, because they dared to espouse his cause, are not made to take a back seat for eleventh-hour converts to his standard or who accepted his nomination with wry faces. President Taft is generous to a fault, but he is only human, and if he has a long memory for names, dates and incidents, which may work to the detriment of any one, the blame must rest with those who made the history they would now like to forget.

Your correspondent holds no brief for President Taft and makes no pretense of being his official spokesman; nor do we claim to be a mind reader; but, in a general way, the foregoing is an outline of the impression the magnetic Chief Executive is making upon the colored delegations who are kind enough to call and pay their respects when they come to town.

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As the man-up-a-tree sees it, there is no likelihood of any changes at present in the line-up of what your correspondent a year or so ago denominated as the "Black Cabinet"—an appellation which, by the way, has stuck, is now universally accepted as a legitimate title. There never was a moment when Auditor Tyler's official head was in jeopardy. No Negro in the land, with one possible exception, stands closer to the throne than does this erudite, clever, resourceful and tireless worker for party success and racial uplift. Register Vernon's splendid work on the stump and in council makes his "calling an election sure." Judge Terrell stands upon his record as a jurist of the first rank and is as impregnable as the Rock of Gibraltar. Assistant District Attorney Cobb has made good and has covered more territory as a special officer of the Department of Justice than any other man who has ever filled the position. He is there to stay. Word now comes by "private wire" and from a source that is deemed reliable, that Recorder Dancy, about whose head the storm has raged the fiercest, is booked to remain "on the job," as the particular concession to the South. And why not? Mr. Dancy was among the first to declare for Taft after the refusal of Roosevelt to be a candidate for the Presidency, and no man in the field was in greater demand nor rendered more effective service than did he. There are dozens of candidates for Mr. Dancy's shoes — many of them men of the ablest type, but if any of them has shown President Taft any good reason why the existing Recorder should be removed—aside from the fact that he has held the place seven years and they want it to rotate their way—they have yet to bring it to the attention of the President. Space forbids further discussion at this time of the merits of the various applicants for admission to the "Black Cabinet." Suffice it to say that if there is any vacancy made in the near future, the people hereabouts who keep their ears pretty close to the ground will be treated to a shock.

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Ominous rumors come to us touching the Liberian mission, the Haytian mission, and the assistant registership of the Treasury, but nothing of a definite nature can be heard. Charles W. Anderson, collector of internal revenue at New York, and W. H. Lewis, assistant district attorney at Boston, are safe for retention, and S. Laing Williams' place in Chicago will be all right, if the Department of Justice can adjust the problem of how to secure him his salary, which Congress failed to appropriate. It is thought that this will be satisfactorily arranged before the end of the fiscal year. Although the present "officebund" bids fair to hold on, the wiseacres are declaring that this does not mean that the other worthy men who have contributed to Republican success in the battleground States are to be neglected or overlooked. The presumption is that when President Taft gets his tariff bill out of the way, he will take up the questions nearest to the Negro's heart and confer upon representative men a number of places never before held by the race. Can we not afford to wait for the "big show"? There is a feeling among the inner court that there are good things on the way.

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Major Arthur Brooks, for several years the confidential representative of Mr. Taft when he was Secretary of War, now sustains the same close relationship to the latter at the White House. He combines with his usual duties much of the responsibility that has been resting upon the shoulders of Former Steward Henry Pinckney. Acting for Mrs. Taft and in conjunction with the new housekeeper, Miss Jefferson, Major Brooks looks after the routine of the White House's domestic affairs, and is given full sway in handling the intricate problems that arise from day to day among the numerous helpers. His salary has been very properly raised to $1,400 per annum. In addition to his exacting duties at the White House, Major Brooks is the commanding officer of the First Separate Battalion, District National Guard, and is military instructor of the high school cadets. In each of his varied activities, Major Brooks is proving himself a valuable man and practically indispensable.

NEWS NOTES OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

Mr. Robert A. Pelham, a well-known clerk in the Census Office, was exonerated in the police court last Friday from the charge of disorderly conduct, preferred by an officious policeman who arrested him without proper cause. It seems that the officer had been beating a colored woman who had been arrested for some offense and Mr. Pelham interested himself enough in her case to take the names of a few persons who witnessed the policeman's brutal assault. For this, the fellow—Watts is his name—took Mr. Pelham into custody and placed "disorderly" opposite his name at the Eighth Precent police station. At the hearing, Mr. Pelham surprised everybody by presenting as his counsel Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan, who grilled the officer so severely that Mr. Pelham came away with flying colors. Mr. Pelham is now proceeding against the Watts man for malicious arrest and the case came up before the trial board Monday morning. Popular sentiment is wholly with Mr. Pelham, and if he succeeds in ousting this fellow from the force there will be a cessation of the habit ignorant policemen have of badgering inoffensive colored men who happen to find it convenient to stop on a public highway in the evening.

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Announcement is made that Dr. Booker T. Washington will deliver a special lecture Sunday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock, at the Belasco Theatre, under the auspices of and for the benefit of the building fund of the colored branch of the Young Men's Christian Association. It is understood that seats will be free, but a generous subscription will be welcome. The indications are that a "capacity" audience will be in attendance.

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The S. Coleride-Taylor Choral Society, one of the finest musical organizations in the country, will give its annual May musicale on Friday evening, May 14, at Lincoln Temple. A choice program will be presented, including a special composition by S. Coleridge-Taylor himself, and selections from Handel's masterpiece, "The Messiah." The soloists will be Miss L. Blanche Wright of Chicago, soprano; W. H. Hackney, tenor; Ernest R. Amos, baritone; H. Leonard Jeter, cellist; W. H. R. Jeter, violinist; Prof. John T. Lyton will direct the chorus of 150 voices and Miss Mary L. Europe will be the accompanist.

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The Post-Graduate School of Medicine and Dentistry, in connection with the Medical Department of Howard University, will open Monday, May 10, with a faculty of expert instructors and the most modern facilities. The medical course will continue six weeks and the dental course four weeks. The new $500,000 Freedmen's Hospital will be used for the clinical work.

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The little son of Architect and Mrs. W. Sidney Pittman has been dangerously ill, but is now on the road to recovery.

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Editor W. Calvin Chase of the Washington Bee has been confined to his home for three weeks with an attack of inflammatory rheumatism, but is reported to be on the mend. He is under the care of Dr. E. D. Williston.

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Judge Robert H. Terrell and Whitfield McKinley accompanied Dr. Booker T. Washington to Hampton Institute last Thursday to witness the exercises attending the celebration of the forty-first anniversary of that famous school.

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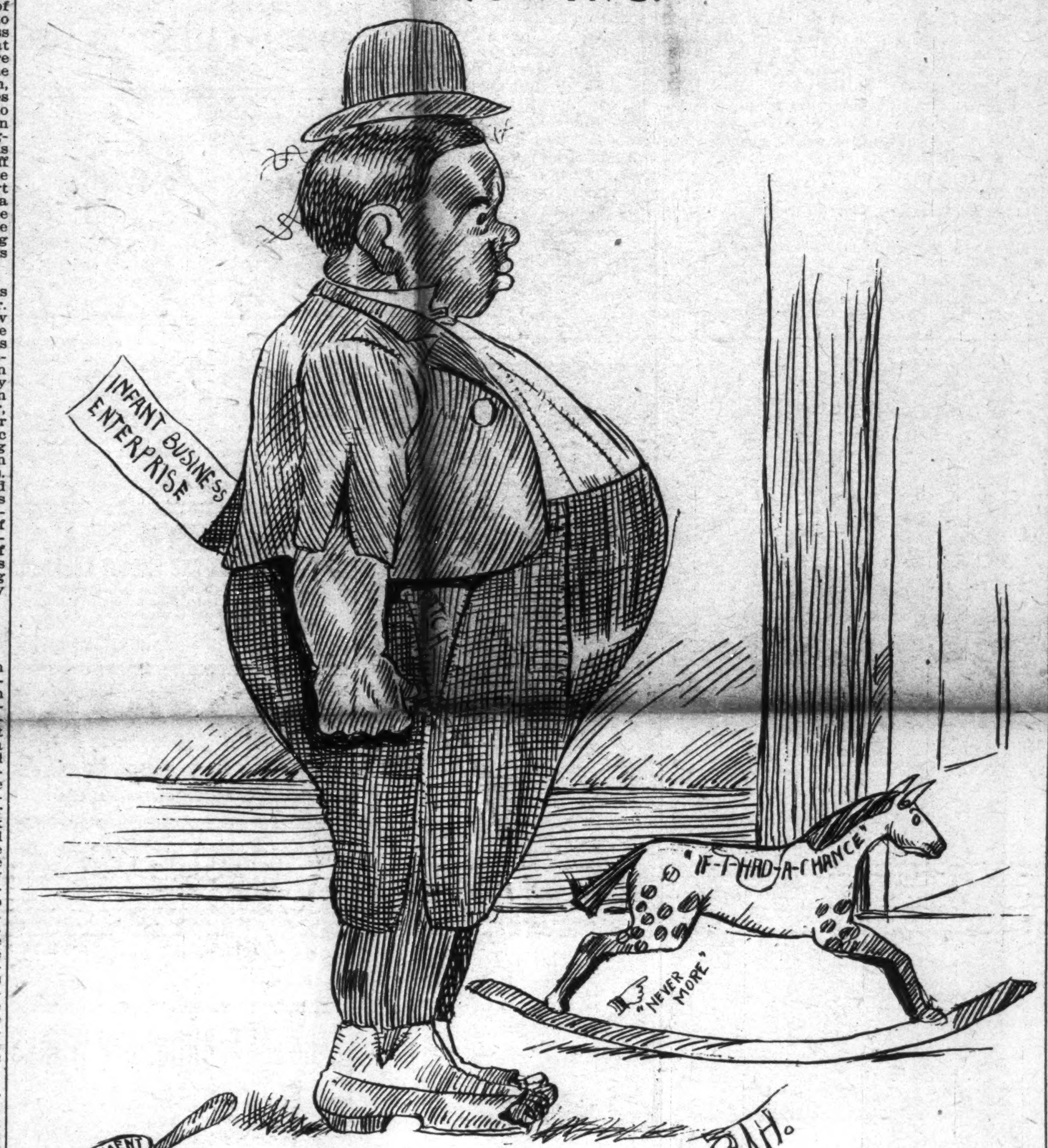
Lawyer Albert S. White, dean of the Central Law School, Louisville, Ky., was entertained by the elite of Washington's social and professional set during his recent visit here. He was presented to President Taft by Senator Bradley and strongly endorsed for the Liberian or Haytian mission. It is pretty certain that Mr. White will be recognized by this administration and handsomely too. We shall have more to say about Mr. White in our next.

R. W. THOMPSON.


GROWING.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Bert Cisco, well known here, died recently at his home in Jerseyville, after a short illness. Many beautiful flowers were sent there by loving friends, and many friends from here attended the funeral. He was a well-respected, kind man and was very industrious, being employed at the Passiant hospital for a good while. ....Mrs. Annie Taylor, of North West street, is still very ill....Mr. Wilkinson, of the country, who has been quite ill, is able to be about....Word was received recently of the sudden death of Mrs. John Haithman's mother in Hannibal, Mo. Mrs. Haithman attended the funeral....Mrs. John McCree, who has been quite ill, is able to be about....An excellent reception was given on Thursday night, April 29, at the home of Mrs. Sarah Rice, on North West street; it being the anniversary of the Domestic Social Club....Edward Greenup, son of Manuel Greenup, of South West street, had the misfortune recently to burn his face very painfully....George Ray Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, of South West street, had the misfortune recently to get hold of a large amount of coal oil, which caused him to be violently ill....Mrs. Carrie Williams, of South Sandy street, who has been very ill, is some better at this writing....The penny carnival given on April 30 at the Bethel A. M. E. Church was fairly well attended. Everything was sold at one cent. The refreshments consisted of hot winnies and bread, ice cream, punch, sour kraut and pumpkin pie, which sold well. Miss Josie Waddie had charge of the collection at the door, which was one cent to get in. She also had charge of the ice cream at times. Miss Era Triplett had charge of the punch....Mrs. James Burk, of Kansas City, Mo., is in the city visiting her brother, G. W. Cooper and Mrs. Cooper, of South Clay avenue. She is also visiting her sister, Mrs. Esther Brown, of East Chamber street....Miss Atherlene Jenkins, with the assistance of Miss Zelda Novel, gave an excellent surprise party on April 27 at her residence, on Maurais-terre street, in honor of Miss Stella Young, from St. Louis. About twenty-seven were present....The annual sermon of Mallory Lodge No. 30, K. of P., was preached at the Mt. Emory Baptist Church, May 2, at 4 p. m., by Rev. J. M. Mason, and was largely attended. Music was furnished by the choir. Scripture reading was by Rev. Christy. Prayer by Rev. Batchelor. Text of sermon, First Corinthians, 58th verse. ....Louis Bell, of Anna street, is now serving on the police force....James Scott is now serving in the fire department.... Mrs. Lewis, of Peoria, Ill., is in the city visiting friends....There will be a fine concert given by the Grand Orchestra on May 10 at the Mt. Emory Baptist Church. ....The sermon of the Odd Fellows and the Household of Ruth will be preached May 9 at Mt. Emory Baptist Church.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The M. T. C. Art Club met last week at the home of Mrs. Tillie Brigham on 11th avenue, south. After the business was transacted Mrs. J. R. Wilson read a very excellent paper on the "Life Work of Francis Ellen Harper."...Miss Edna Scott died Tuesday, April 27, at the home of her aunt, Mrs. S. Teal. Miss Scott had been visiting her aunt and had been here for nine weeks. She took sick suddenly and after a few days' illness she passed away...James F. Wilson, 2818, Chicago avenue, is representing The Freeman in this city. Write or call on him and he will be much pleased to supply you with The Freeman and publish your news items....Mrs. Jas. A. Williams, of Merriam Park, has returned to the city after spending a few days in Anoka, Minn... Mr. McCants Steward, the husband of Mrs. Mamie Weir, formerly of this city, but now living at Portland, Ore., was seriously injured in a railroad accident. Mrs. Victore Weir, the mother of the wife, has left for Portland...Grant Barbe and Marselles Devaughn, of South Bend, Ind., are in the city, stopping at Mrs. Martins on Tenth avenue, south. Mr. Barber expects to stay in the city and expects his wife in a month...Mrs. Eva Abby, who says she was refused service on a Rock Island dining car in August last, was awarded $1 in damages from the Rock Island railroad last week by a district court jury. At the same time the jury found that the dining car conductor had not refused to serve Mrs. Abbey, and on this apparent paradox the company will probably appeal the case to the Supreme Court. The company asserted that Mrs. Abby would have been served had she waited in the car. Rules of the road instructing conductors to serve colored people but not to seat them at tables with whites and to use "dipolomacy" were introduced by the defense. The jury was asked to award damages and at the same time to determine whether service was refused...Mr. Conner, the father of Mr. Clarence White, the violinist, has been in this city for a few weeks for his health. Mr. Conner left for Washington, D. C., last Tuesday..Eddie English is very sick. ...Mrs. Mamie Allen is very sick at the Swedish hospital...The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and the Household of Ruth will have their annual sermon preached by Rev. Goul at St. Peters A. M. E. church Sunday, May 9...The Eastern Stars gave a house social at the home of Mrs. Ellen Jackson on Riverside avenue Friday, April 29...Mr. Joe Reid, an old Minneapolis boy, is in the city.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

St. James A. M. E. Church had another one of their big rallies on last Sunday, at which time over $1,100 was raised to put a pipe organ in their beautiful structure, corner of Jay and Fullers streets. Rev. Graves announced that his church had raised during the past year over $1,500 more than any Afro-American church in the state. The new pipe organ will be installed by June 1, at which time there will be grand dedication exercises. Bishop C. T. Shafer will be present...The revival meetings that have been held at Pilgrim Baptist Church have been quite successful. Rev. W. D. Carter is assisted by Dr. F. A. McCoo, of Chicago...The Y. W. C. A. of this city have evidently fallen into the footsteps of the Y. M. C. A., for they have expressed a desire to debar our women from the privileges of their new building, but they have offered to give the colored women a separate building. This offer has caused a furore among our people and there seems to be a disposition upon the part of many to reject this building while many want to accept it. At a recent meeting of the two factions Miss Elizabeth Ross, of New York, spoke of the benefits to be derived from a Y. W. C. A. among our people. Some of the prominent club women say the acceptance of such a building at this particular time would lower our standard. This phase of race prejudice among the white Christian people of St. Paul is something new... Miss Ida May Johnson and Miss Margaret Braham will graduate from Central High School. Miss Ruth McGhee and Mr. Godette from Mechanic Arts High School, and Miss Virgie Taylor from one of the East Side schools...During her recent trip East Mrs. W. T. Francis made a short visit to Washington, D. C., and while there enjoyed the distinction of having been introduced to President Taft. U. S. Senator Moses E. Clapp met Mrs. Francis by appointment and personally introduced her. Through the courtesy of Congressman F. C. Stevens she was given a seat in the representatives' gallery during a session of Congress.

URBANA, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Industrial Club and Auxilary of the True Reformers gave a chicken-pie social at the residence of Mrs. George Farmer Thursday night....The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Nannie Miller...Mr. Lee of Reynolds street is very sick...The Junior Missionary Society met at the home of Miss Marie Ward...The Grand Lecturer, Mr. Anthony J. Riggs, visited Lodge No. 35 K. of P. April 27. The following program was rendered: Mrs. Jennie Chavers, Mrs. George Farmer and Miss Vivian Hill in several sweet solos, after which a delightful supper was served by the leading caterist, Miss Hattie Waugh....The Young Men's Club of the Second Baptist Church will give a three nights' entertainment on the 12th, 13th and 14th of this month, assisted by the W. A. Brand Post G. A. R....Mr. John Waugh went to Dayton Monday on business...The Junior Missionary Society gave a social Friday night ath the St. Paul A. M. E. Church.

SHERMAN, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Copies of this paper to be found at Mr. Elmer Williams' handsome tonsorial parlor, "The Katy," near M. K. & T. passenger depot. New phone 236...Dock Fitzgerald, after a pleasant trip to Galveston, Tex., has resumed his work...The Elks Club, headed by Willis H. Crain, the Exalted Ruler, will be entertained Friday night by the Lasso Club of Dallas.

POLITICAL WAR IS RAGING

NEGROES ARE DIVIDED IN SELECTION OF MAYOR

RACE MUST SUPPORT ITS FRIENDS

Regardless of Party—W. H. Wright is Candidate for the Legislature—Death and Burial of John Clark.

By CARY B. LEWIS.

LOUISVILLE, KY.—Special.—The fight is on here among local Republicans for the mayoralty nomination. James F. Grinstead has announced to succeed himself, but a contention is made that he is ineligible. He was elected two years ago as mayor of Louisville, many claiming that he filled out an unexpired term. George Weissinger Smith has announced himself for the place, claiming that Mr. Grinstead has filled out his term and should step down and out.

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A heavy political warfare is expected to rage between now and the primary. The Negroes are much divided. Some, or at least those who are sitting at the Grinstead "pie counter," are with the Grinstead people and thousands of others are with Mr. Smith.

We learn that Mr. Smith is a very approachable gentleman and favors doing more for the Negro than the present mayor. We have always contended that it is up to the Republicans to give the "brother" more jobs than the present administration has done, and if Mr. Smith stands for remembering the Negro with better places than "Jim" Grinstead, the Negro should march to the polls and vote in the primary for Mr. Smith. Personally, we do not know Mr. Smith. We shall soon get something out of him bearing on this matter.

It is now time for the Negroes of the city, not the ward heelers or the "Black Cabinet," but the plain representative people, should begin at once and find out which man favors putting a few Negroes on the police force in Negro districts, a Negro fire company, a Negro detective, and clerks or deputies in minor offices.

In this campaign it is time to lay national or State politics aside and go for the ones who are going to do the most for the race. If the Democrats nominate a man or set of men who favor doing more for the race than either Grinstead or Smith, the leaders of this wing should begin to solidify their forces and go to the man that will be the Negro's friend. If the Democrats will put up a man that deserves the suffrage of the "brother" and will take care of him, many are likely to fall in line. "The best interest to the Negro" is the slogan this year.

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W. H. Wright, a graduate of the Howard Law University, a member of the Kentucky bar and a practitioner in all the courts of the State, has announced himself as a candidate for the Legislature from the Tenth Ward. Already a few white people have begun to pat the Negro on the back and tell him that "it's too soon" for a Negro to demand recognition in this State.

We are of the opinion that this being a legislative district largely composed of Negroes and known as the "Black Belt," that it is both fitting and proper for a Negro to represent it in the district. There is not a State in the Union containing a district controlled by Negro voters where Negroes are allowed to vote —that never elected a Negro to any office.

If we stand for any principle, it is the principle that taxation without representation is tyranny, and we feel that for Negroes to sacrifice Mr. Wright is to throw principle to the wind.

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Your correspondent gave an account in the last week's issue of the proposed merger of the Eckstein Norton School and the new Lincoln Institutes. There have been whisperings around that if the proposed merger is completed that the new school will take on a denominational aspect. This we hope will not be true.

The great success that has come to most of the great universities and institutes is that they draw from every denomination. It has been demonstrated that denominational schools in Kentucky merely eak out an existence. In the proposed merger, if denominations dominate, it can not get the support from all the people and the school suffers.

The great Booker T. Washington saw this when he established Tuskegee, which has become one of the greatest institutions of the world. Those interested in the founding of the new Lincoln Institute are men of the highest Christian type, above denominationalism, and we do not believe that they will suffer the institution to be affected by such prejudice.

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Attorney Alexander Childs, one of the leading lawyers in the State of Kentucky, passed through the city Tuesday enroute to Huntsville, Ala., to see his daughter, who is attending school in that city. He will later go to Tuskegee Institute, Ala., to be the guest of Dr. Booker T. Washington. Kentucky affords no abler practitioner at the bar than the Hon. Alexander Childs, and nobly is he upholding his profession with intelligence, character and legal ability.

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The Young Men's Business Club held a very interesting meeting Monday night at Haley & Hester's, 444 Eighth street. A program was arranged for Sunday night at Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church, at which time the Rev. J. C. Anderson will deliver a sermon to the young business men. Attorney W. L. Ricks and A. B. McAfee and the president will have a few words to say on this occasion. Miss Lucretia Gibson will direct the choir music. The citizens are cordially invited to be present.

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President D. L. Knight of the local Negro Business Men's League deposed

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Women and Their Interests

By "DOROTHY."

AN APPEAL.

By Lulu C. Manning, Clarksville, Tenn.

Should you meet some mother's daughter,
Traveling gaily day by day,
Down the path of degradation,
Stop her with the erring pray,
Lead her back to hope and heaven,
Bid her God's speed on her way.

Should you meet a fallen sister,
Cheer her, do not give her pain.
Judge her not, for it is written,
We shall all be judged again.
Reach out to her the hand hand of pity,
Help your sister up again.

Should you meet an erring brother,
Or some wayward boy that roam,
Speak not harshly, gently ask them
Won't they to the Savior come?
You may find them waiting for you
When the Master calls you home.

LOUISVILLE WOMEN'S BUSINESS CLUB.

The Woman's Exchange Club of Louisville, Ky., will give an entertainment at Pythian Castle, May 12. This club was formerly an embroidery club, but has now reorganized into a business club. The entertainment will be a fair, and the work will be exhibited in booths as follows: White Tent, Japanese, Rummage Booth, Palace of Fashion and Oriental Booth.

There will be a prize given to the prettiest decorated booth.

Any club can take part if notified 24 hours previous to May 12 by mail or 1331 Madison street by calling 4447 home phone, Mrs. J. W. Buley, business manager. Admission 10 cents. Music and dancing.

The officers are as follows: Mrs. Jennie Bell, president; Mrs. Mollie Buley, vice president; Mrs. Mary Pottinger, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Crumpton, assistant secretary; Mrs. Blanche Mosley, chaplain.

A NEW MOVEMENT AMONG THE COMMERCIAL CLERKS OF PHILADELPHIA, PA.

The Business Clerks' Association of Philadelhpia, Pa., a newly launched organization composed of sixty young colored women employed as stenographers, typewriters and bookkeepers in that city, held its first public installation Sunday afternoon, April 25, at the Wesley A. M. E. Church, Lombard and Fifteenth streets.

At the hour appointed for the meeting a large and appreciative audience had filled the spacious church. The program was opened by singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Prayer wa sthen offered by Rev. J. S. Jackson, D. D., financial secretary of the A. M. E. Zion Church. A Scripture lesson followed, read by Miss Grace Thompson, a member of the association.

The president, Miss Harriet E. Norris, one of the founders of the association, at this juncture made some very pointed and appropriate remarks, setting forth the object of the association and the purposes which actuated its formation. She appealed to the business men and women of the city who represent capital for their co-operation and encouragement in this laudable effort that labor has begun, assuring them that improvement and self-development are the aims of this organization, further emphasizing the fact that skilled efficiency is the demand of the times ,and these young women, realizing this fact, felt that an organization of this kind would be the medium through which their efforts could be combined for the advancement of the work in which they are engaged. The president, speaking for the association, said that they believed that by perseverance and determination the commercial clerks, if organized throughout this country, would become a power in the business world.

Miss Emma V. Carter, employed as chief bookkeeper for the Eenterprise Coal Company, of that city, delivered an address of welcome in so cordial a manner that every one felt that truly the young women deserved the encouragement that the presence of so large an audience gave them.

An inspiring and highly practical address was delivered by Mrs. Caroline V. Anderson, M. D., a practicing physician of Philadelphia, an ardent work of the Women's Christian Association, and a stanch temperance advocate. Her wide experience among our women in different activities of life renders her particularly fitted to address such an organization. The association was fortunate in securing her services, and feels that words of wisdom and encouragement coming from women of the type of Dr. Anderson, with their cooperation, will be invaluable to an infant organization composed mainly of young women.

R. R. Wright, Jr., editor of the Christian Recorder of the A. M. E. Church, secretary of the Armstrong Association of Philadelphia, a young man who has given considerable study and investigation to the social status of the Negro race, addressed the meeting. His talk was very timely and profoundly practical. He spoke of the rise and fall of other organizations, and pointed out to these young women the road to success or failure, according as they persevered. Mr. Wright realizes from experience that, in so far as a business man secures a competent clerk, even though it costs a few dollars more, the result is twofold, therefore demonstrating that to obtain the best is economy in the end.

John S. Trower, the leading Negro caterer of Philadelphia, founder of the Downingtown Industrial School and superintendent of the First African Baptist Church, installed the officers. Mr. Trower, because of his liberality toward colored enterprises and co-operation in all progressive movements put forth by our people, has very aptly been called a race man. He employs several bookkeepers, stenographers and typewriters in the operation of his lucrative business, all of whom are members of the association.

Beautiful solos were rendered by Misses Edna Smax, Jeannette Turner and Mrs. Florence Grandy. The music rendered by the well-trained choir of the Shiloh Baptist Church, under the direction of the skilled musician, John Lively, was one of the main features of the program, and added much to the enthusiasm of the meeting.

At the close of the program the president introduced Mrs. J. S. Jackson, formerly of Birmingham, Ala., who lifted the collection. T ehpresident said, in introducing Mrs. Jackson, that she had been instrumental in effecting the present organization, and is a valuable members of the association. She fills the important positions of organizer and first vice-president. Mrs. Jackson is in touch with some of the leading clerks of other cities, and is planning, with the support of the Philadelphia organization and co-operation of clerks elsewhere, to organize this class of women in every section where they are not combined. Any clerks from any part of the country desiring plans, suggestions or information pertaining to the association may address her at headquarters, 420 South Eleventh street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers of the Business Clerks' Association were installed Sunday: Miss Harriet E. Norris, president; Mrs. J. S. Jackson, first vice-president; Miss Breta Bustile, second vice-president; Miss Mary R. Martin, third vice-president; Mrs. Bernice Mitchell, corresponding secretary; Miss Helena Primas, recording secretary; Mrs. Eva L. Johnson, treasurer; Miss Lessie Miller, reporter; Miss Cora E. Brown, historian.

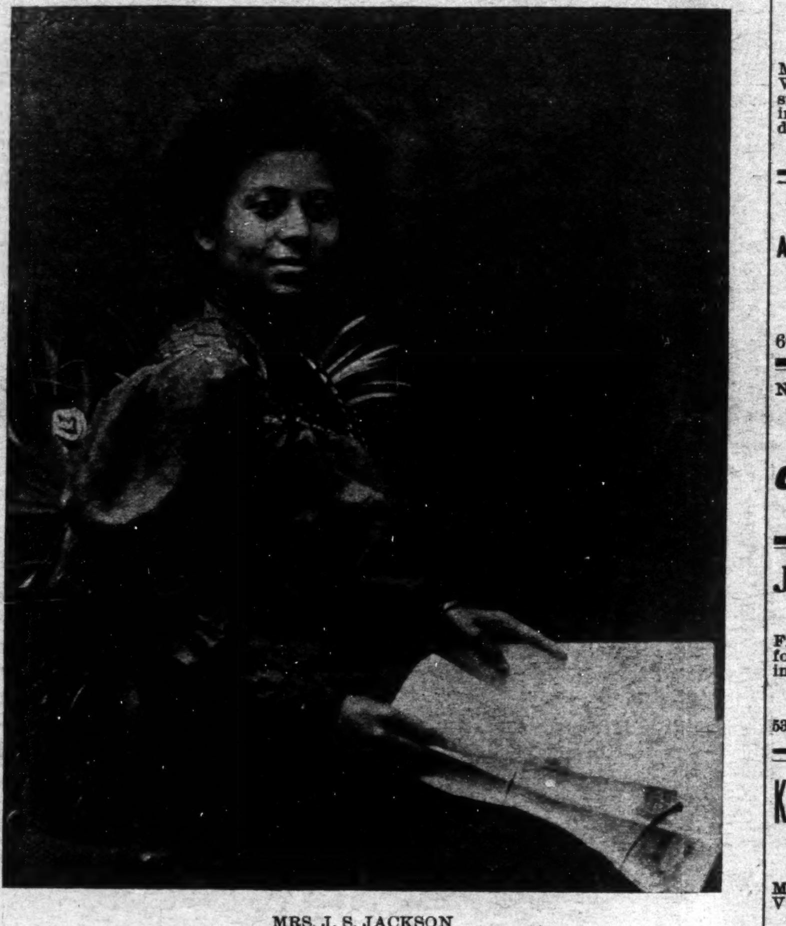
THE VALUE OF A TRADE MARK.

A trade mark is usually some one particular mark on goods to show their origin, but as a matter of fact any new, original quality, feature or characteristic of an article of manufacture, if widely made known through advertising, becomes valuable as a trade mark, and is protected by the courts, so that one article may have many "trade marks" that belong to it alone. Thus, for example, in the case of Cascarets, Candy Cathartics, the name "Cascarets," the expression "Candy Cathartics," the peculiar shape and color of the box, the octagonal tablet, and the letters "C. C. C." on each tablet, all are expressive trade "marks" of that popular medicine, because they indicate their genuineness, distinguish them from imitations, and have become universally known to the people.

MOUNDS, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

Mrs. Olivia Evens, wife of Thomas Evens, died in this city Monday, April 26. Funeral services were conducted at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church by the Rev. H. C. Swain, Tuesday, the 27th. Interment at Beech Grove Cemetery. Mrs. Evens was very much loved by all who knew her, and is survived by a husband and one daughter. She had many friends among the three orders to which she belonged....The final examination of the schools in the county for pupils of the eighth grade has just passed. There were seventy-one pupils from all over the county who took the examination, but only thirty-eight passed. ....H. Chambliss, our popular merchant and real estate dealer, is on the sick list this week....Miss Lucille Owens, of Valley Racuse settlement, is visiting with her sister, Miss Bertha Owens....The Knights of Pythias will turn out Sunday evening at the A. M. E. Church, where the annual sermon will be preached by Rev. J. K. Swain....S. J. Carr has let the contract for the erection of a fine two-story eight-room residence on McKinley avenue to John Martin, and material is being placed upon the ground for the building....Still the protracted meeting continues at St. John Baptist Church, under the charge of Rev. D. Parish....The Freeman, which is one of the leading colored weeklies and contains news of the doings of our folks all over the United States, is sold every Saturday by Linard Williams. See him and get a copy.



MRS. J. S. JACKSON

Organizer and First Vice-President of The Business Clerks' Association of Philadelphia, Pa., Who Delivered the First Address Before the Association at its Organization.

HARPING ON SUPREME COURT DECISION.

Every now and then the recent ruling of the Supreme Court comes up for ventilation and with the view of giving that body the worst of it. The following paragraph was caught up from the flotsam and jetsam:

"What American would have dreamed forty years ago that the Supreme Court of the United States would make it illegal to teach colored children and white children under the same rof? exclaims a Northern paper, commenting on the decision delivered in the case of Berea College vs. the Commonwealth of Kentucky. While the decision is based upon technicalities lying outside of the race issue, its effect, as the Philadelphia Inquirer remarks, is another blow to the reconstruction legislation and the fourteenth amendment, which were intended to give the Negro absolutely the same civil rights as the white, but which have largely failed in practice as well as theory." According to the New York Evening Post, the ruling 'might almost be described as a latter day Dred Scott decision.'"

We have had our say on this very important ruling, and to the extent that in our opinion that body did not dispose of such a question hastily. Ordinary men, ordinary well-thinking men, when ot of the highest judiciary where the office as the court of the last resort in settling affairs between men, means almost biblical solemnity, will think long and well before deciding questions of such import as that of the Kentucky school. Such being the case, it ill becomes the race to treat lightly what those of the Supreme bench have to say. White men affect to be moved by the decision; and, were it true, it would only be the few. That the court, in a manner, consulted the wishes of the great majority need not be emphasized. Those who are "righteous" in the matter are taking advantage of the Supreme Court in showing up what public sentiment "compelled" it to do, and the Negroes also, in showing up their "forsaken" condition. The situation is too grave to be bandied about—a Supreme Court helpless, millions of citizens without sure political or civil anchorage.

The inconsistency of it all. The whole business is of the order of today, of which the Supreme Court can not be exempt, since it is also the people, just as railway coaches, the hotels, the theaters and other public concerns that are effectually closed against the colored people. We do not see it that that court has a right to be different from other institutions, all of which have special treatment for the Negroes. This is especially so in affairs in the South, and of such long standing that Negroes have, as a rule, ceased remonstrating at courts, at Congress, at the executive, knowing that they are creatures of the people, and which people, when such matters are up, mean those of controlling influence.

Conditions in no community are exasperatingly bad for Negroes in America, yet in any community they can get a sample of what the Supreme Court did. We Negroes know it so thoroughly that we are not now horrified. In fact, most of us are inclined to sympathize with a court that is fairly muzzled by the people. Those men, we take it, would rather render decisions that have no look of bias, untinged by color influence. But why talk as if the situation is up in the air? It is around about us—children see it.

GET A FAIR ASSOCIATION.

Most of the greater Southern centers hold fairs in the interest of the colored for stimulating industry. The product of the farm in all its phases, of the kitchen, of the shop, of the sewing room are placed on exhibition, exciting a friendly rivalry which results in increased effort for the next year. The colored people of most Northern cities boast of their ability to make displays where there is no race distinction, and which is true enough. But somehow they don't seem to display. Take our Indiana State Fair, held in Indianapolis annually; one walks and looks in vain for an exhibit by a colored person. To be real honest, no one dreams of such a thing. Exhibition isn't on the mind.

Fred Douglass said he would rather be a little piece of something than a great big piece of nothing. Some such feeling more than likely possesses the colored people of Northern cities. And if they were a little piece of something, if they made some show at exhibiting, the purpose would be answered. But no; the white people can raise the hogs and the horses while we look on as if spectators from another planet. Even the few colored farmers that we do have seem to think that the earth, and everything in it and on it are for the white man; that is, the good, great things; so used to sitting in the rear that it has become fixed in the nature. And, strange enough, there are some things in which the colored people stand back from none. But they are mostly like oratory in the schools; the colored men generally come out ahead, but nobody cares much about it—oratory. Wind-jamming isn't much of a science. How to raise a big Georgia watermelon, weighing from sixty to eighty pounds, or a prize-winning steer it seems would be the greater glory.

We are decidedly up on the fashions; can show the average white man a clean pair of heels. We are up on society and the rest of it, talking as if all were born in Boston or London with the Italian "a's". If some of us knew how to build an automobile more of us would be riding in them. The white people raise their products, manufacture them, take them to the fairs and show them, not in any vain sense, but for strict business purposes.

Southern centers of Negroes have seen the good of exhibitions and in consequence they are increasing yearly in importance and in numbers. Marion County colored people would do a helpful thing if they would form their own fair association, doing what they could by mutual encouragement until they felt able to compete in the greater fairs. This would not mean a cutting off of the privilege of the greater fairs at any time. The fair association does not talk the color question.

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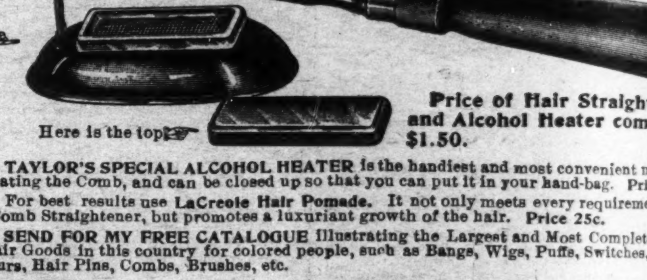

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(CONTINUED.)

"I came by Clearwater yesterday," explained Jack. "It is nothing but mud and alkali."

"My horse dropped three days ago. I had to shoot the pack mule. I"—Dick opened his eyes under the ministrations of Jack. Gazing upward into his face, he shouted joyfully:

"Why, it's Jack—Jack Payson!"

"Didn't you know me, Dick?" asked Jack sympathetically.

"Not at first. My eyes went to the bad out yonder in the glare."

The effort had been too much for Dick. He sank weakly over Jack's knees. Jack turned him partly on his back and let more water trickle down his throat. Dick clutched madly at the canteen, but Jack drew it back out of his reach. With his handkerchief he moistened lips and neck. When Dick's strength returned Jack helped him to sit up.

"I've been hunting for you for months," he told him.

"Hunting for me?" echoed Dick.

"Yes," answered Jack. "I traced you through the Lost Cities, then to Cooney, then up in the Tularosas. At Fort Grant they put me on the right trail."

As the clouds break, revealing the blue of the heavens, so Dick's memory came back to him. He shrank from the man at his side.

"Well?" he asked as he stared at his betrayer.

Jack gazed fixedly ahead. He dared not look into the face of him he had wronged so bitterly.

"She wants you," he said in a voice void of all emotion.

"Who wants me?" asked Dick after a pause.

"Echo."

"Your wife?" gritted Dick. He fingered his gun as he spoke.

Huskily Jack replied, "Yes."

Bitter thoughts filled the mind of one; the other had schooled himself to make atonement. For the wrong he had done Jack was ready to offer his life. He had endured the full measure of his sufferings. The hour of his delivery was at hand. Hard as it was to die in the mid-glory of manhood, it was easier to end it all here and now than to live unloved by Echo, hated by Dick, despised by himself.

"She sent me to find you. 'Bring him back to me.' That's what she said," Jack cried in his agony.

"Your wife—she said that?" faltered Dick.

Fiercely in his torture Jack answered: "Yes, my wife—my wife said it. 'Bring him back to me.' "

"Back?" Dick paused. "Back to what?" he asked himself. "She's your wife, isn't she?" he demanded.

"That's what the law says," answered Jack.

With the thought of the evening in the garden when he heard Jack and Echo pronounced man and wife surging over him Dick murmured, "What God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

"That's what the book says," answered Jack. "But when hands alone are joined and hearts are asunder it can't go on record as the work of God."

Dick bowed his head in his hands. "I don't understand."

Stubbornly Jack pursued his message to Dick. "She doesn't love me. I thought I had won her, but she married me with your image in her heart. She married me, yet all the while you were the man she loved—you—you—and in the end I found it out."

Jack's voice sank almost into a whisper as he finished his revelation to Dick, who raised his head and cried, "And yet she broke her faith with me"—

Jack arose in his misery. His task was harder than he expected. Dick was forcing him to tell all without concealing even the smallest trifle of his shame.

"She thought—you were dead. I never told her otherwise. I lied to her—I lied to her."

"She never knew?" asked Dick joyfully. "The letter"—

"I never gave it to her," answered Jack simply.

Dick leaped to his feet, pulling his revolver from his holster. "And I thought her false to her trust!" He aimed his gun at Payson's heart. "I ought to kill you for this!"

Jack spread out his arms and calmly replied, "I'm ready."

Dick dropped his gun and slipped it into the holster, with a gesture of despair. "But it's too late now—too late!"

In his eagerness to tell Dick the way he had solved the problem Jack spoke nervously and quickly. "No, it isn't too late. There's one way out of this—one way in which I can atone for the wrong I've done you both, and I stand ready to make that atonement. It is your right to kill me, but it is better that you go back to her without my blood on your hands."

"Go—back—to her?" questioned Dick as the meaning of the phrase slowly dawned upon him.

"Yes," said Jack, holding out his hands. "Go back with clean hands to Echo Allen. It is you she loves. There's my horse up yonder. Beyond there's the pack mule loaded with water and grub—plenty of water. We'll just change places, that's all. You take them and go back to her, and I'll stay here."

Dick walked toward the spring, but a spell of weakness came over him, and he almost sank to the ground. Jack caught him and held him up.

"It would be justice," muttered Dick, as if apologizing for his acceptance of Jack's renunciation.

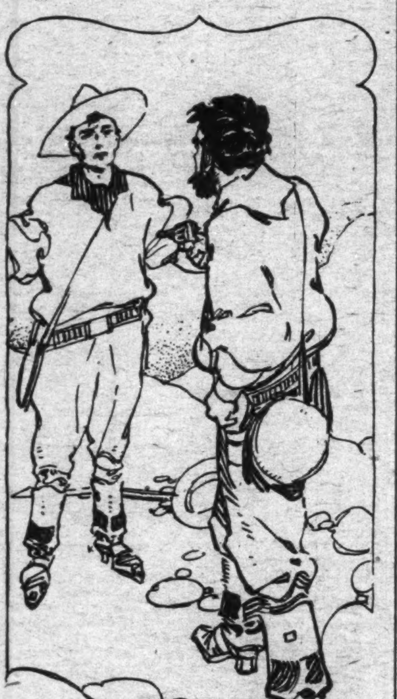
Leaning over his shoulder, Jack said: "Sure, that's it, justice. Just tell her I tried to work it out according to my lights. Ask her to—forgive—to forgive, that's all."

Jack took off his canteen and threw the strap about Dick's neck. As Lane weakly staggered toward the mouth of the canyon, where the horse had been staked out, Jack halted him with a request:

"There's another thing. I left home under a cloud. Buck McKee charged me with holding up and killing 'Ole Man' Terrill for $3,000. Tell Slim Hoover how you paid me just that sum of money."

"I will, and I'll fix the murder where it belongs and then fix the real murderer."

Jack stepped to Lane's side and, holding out his hand, said: "Thank you. I don't allow you can forgive me?"



"I ought to kill you for this!"

"I don't know that I could," coldly answered Dick.

"You'd better be going."

Again Dick started for the horse, but a new thought came to him. Pausing, he said, "She can't marry again until"—

"Well?" asked Jack. His voice was full of sinister meaning, and he fingered his gun as he spoke.

Dick realized at once that Jack's plan was to end his life in the desert with a revolver shot.

"You mean to"— He shuddered.

Jack drew his gun. "Do you want me to do it here and now?" he cried.

Staggering over to him, the weakened man grappled with his old friend, trying to disarm him. "No, no! You shan't!" he shouted as Jack shook him free.

"Why not?" demanded Jack. "Go! There's my horse—he's yours—go! When you get to the head of the canyon you'll hear and know—know that she is free and I have made atonement."

Dick slowly moved toward the mouth of the canyon, still hesitating.

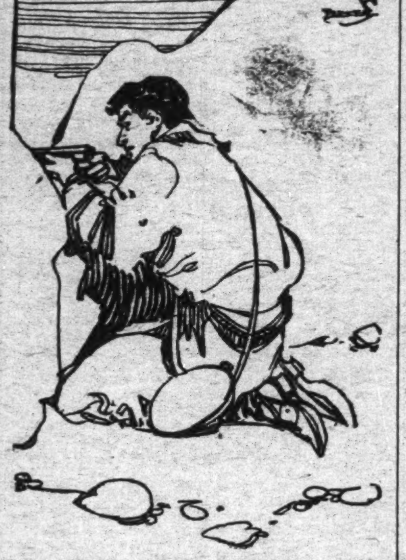
From the hillside a rifle shot rang out. The ball struck Dick in the leg. He fell and lay motionless.

Pulling his revolver, Jack stooped and ran under the overhanging ledge, peering about to see where the shot had come from. He raised his gun to fire when a volley of rifle shots rang through the canyon, the bullets kicking up little spurts of dust about him and chipping edges off the rocks. Jack dropped on his knees and crept to his rifle, clipping his revolver back into his holster.

Crouching behind a rock, with his rifle to his shoulder, he waited for the attackers to show themselves.

Experience on the plains taught them that the fight would be a slow one unless the Apaches sought only to divert attention for the time being to cover their flight southward. After the one shot which struck Dick and the volley directed at Jack not a rifle had been fired. Peering over the bowlder, Jack could see nothing.

Dick had fallen near the spring. He struggled back to consciousness to find his left leg numb and useless. When the ball struck him he felt only a sharp pinch. His fainting was caused by a shock to his weakened body, but not from fear or pain. With the return to his senses came a horrible, burning thirst and a horrible sinking sensation in the pit of his stomach. He lay breathing heavily until he got a grip on himself. Then he tore the bandanna handkerchief from his neck and bound up the wound, winding the bandage as tightly as his strength permitted to check the blood flow.



Crouching behind a rock, rifle to shoulder.

"What is it?" asked Jack over his shoulder.

"Indians. The Apaches are out. I'm hit!" gasped Dick. He crawled painfully and slowly to Jack's side, dragging his leg after him. He pulled with him his rifle, which he picked up as he passed from the spot where it had fallen in his first wild rush for water.

"The soldiers told me at Fort Grant about the Apaches being out," Jack whispered hoarsely. "I thought they'd cross the border into Mexico."

Seeing a spasm of pain over Dick's face, he asked, "Are you hurt bad?"

"I don't know. My left leg is numb."

Both men spoke scarcely above a whisper, fearing to betray their positions by the sound of their voices. Dick lay on his back, gathering strength to ward off with rifle and revolver the rush which would come sooner or later.

Jack caught the sound of a falling stone. Peering cautiously over the rock, he saw an Indian creeping up a draw toward them. Throwing his rifle to his shoulder, he took quick aim and fired. The Apache jumped to his feet, ran a few steps forward and fell sprawling. A convulsive shudder shook him, and he lay still.

"I got him!" cried Jack exultantly as he saw the result of the shot.

But the exposure of his head and shoulders above their barricade had drawn forth more shots from other members of the band.

The bullets struck near the two men, showing that the Apaches had the range.

Dick's wound was bleeding freely, but the shock of the blow had passed away, and his strength returned. Drawing his revolver, he crept closer to Jack, crying, "I can shoot some!"

"I reckon you haven't more than a flesh wound," encouraged Jack. "Can you crawl to the horse?"

"I think I can," answered Dick.

"Then go. Take the trail home. I'll keep these fellows busy while you get away."

An Apache had crawled to the head of a draw and crossed the butte into a second ravine, which led to the trail down the cliff side. On his belly he had wormed his way up the pathway until he overlooked the rear of the defensive position the two men occupied. Screened by a ledge, he waited a favorable shot.

Jack again cautiously raised his head and peered over the barricade. Still not an enemy was in sight. As the Apaches had ceased to fire he knew they were gathering for their simultaneous rush.

In the breathing space which the Apaches had given them Jack, who had resigned himself to die, took a new grip on life. His dream of atonement had worked out better than he had planned. Selling his life by bravely fighting in a good cause was far, far better than ending it by his own hand. It was a man's death. Fate had befriended him in the end.

He waited a favorable shot.

Reaching his hand out to Dick, he touched his shoulder, rousing him from a stupor into which he was sinking.

"Quick, Dick. They're coming closer. Go," he ordered. "Don't be a fool. Only one of us can escape—one of us alone. Let it be you, Dick. Go back to her—back to home and happiness."

Dick struggled to a sitting posture, offering a fair target for the Indian hidden behind the ledge on the cliff trail. The Apache took full advantage and fired, but missed. Dick returned the shot with his revolver before the warrior could sink back behind the rock. The Apache lurched forward in his death blindness with the last convulsive obedience of the muscles ere the will flees. Then his legs crumpled up beneath him, and he toppled forward off the ledge. His breechclout caught in a rocky projection, causing the body to hang headlong against the side of the cliff. His rifle fell from his nerveless hands, clattering and breaking on the rocks below.

The sight served as a tonic to Dick. His success braced his strength and will. The old battle spirit surged over him. Only with an effort did he suppress the desire to laugh and shout. He would have left Jack to fight it out alone but a minute before, but the one shot drove all such ideas from his mind.

"No, I'll be hanged if I'll go!" he shouted. "I'll stay and fight with you," and, seizing his rifle, he joined Jack in stopping a rush of the Apaches.

"We stopped them that time," Jack cried, with satisfaction. In the lull he again urged his comrade to escape to the horse and return to Echo. "Take the horse," he insisted. "Go while there's a chance."

"No!" shouted Dick determinedly. It was as much his fight as Jack's now.

Jack thought more for Echo in that moment than he did for himself. Here was the man she loved. He must go back to her. The woman's happiness depended upon it. But Jack realized that while he was alive Dick would stay. One supreme sacrifice was necessary.

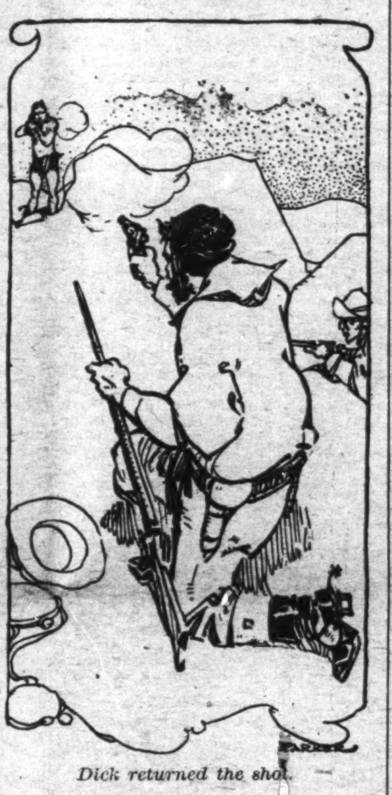
"Go," he cried, "or I'll stand up and let 'em get me."

"No; we can hold them off," begged Dick, firing as he spoke.

Swiftly Jack Payson arose and faced the Indians.

"Goodby!" he cried to his comrade.

Dick struggled to his feet and threw himself on Jack to force him down behind the barricade. For a moment both men were in full view of the Apaches. A volley crashed up and across the canyon. Both men fell locked in each other's arms, then lay still.



Dick returned the shot.

The Indians awaited the result of the shots. The strange actions of the men might be only a ruse. Silence would mean they were victorious.

Both Jack and Dick had been struck. Jack was the first to recover. Reviving, he struggled out of the clasp of his unconscious comrade. "He's hit bad," he said to himself, "and so am I. I'll fight it out to the last, and if they charge they won't get us alive."

Dick groaned and opened his eyes.

"I'm hit hard," he whispered. "You'd better go."

Jack was on his hands and knees crawling toward his rifle when his comrade spoke.

"Listen," he replied. "We're both fixed to stay now, so lie close. I'll hold 'em off as long as I can, but if they rush save one shot for yourself—you understand?"

"Yes, not alive!" answered Dick weakly, his voice thin and his face ashen and white with pain.

Jack reached the bowlder and, with an effort, raised himself and peered over the edge.

"They're getting ready. Will you take my hand now?" he asked as he held it out to Dick.

"I sure will!" his wounded comrade cried, grasping it with all the strength he possessed.

Jack smiled in his happiness. He felt he had made his peace with all men and at last was ready to meet death with a clear conscience.

"It looks like the end, but we'll fight for it."

The shrill warwhoops of the Indians, the first sound they had made in the fight, showed they felt confident of overcoming the men in the next rush.

Jack and Dick had abandoned the rifles and were now fighting the Indians off with their revolvers as they closed in on them.

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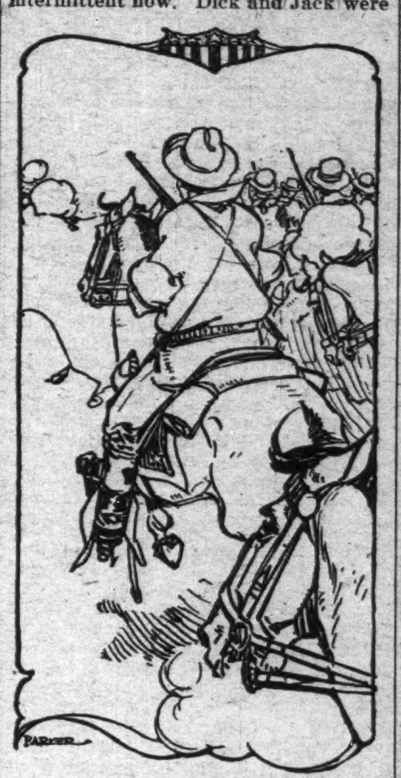
Hardie had halted the night before at Clearwater spring. Finding it but mud and alkali, he had merely rested his men and horses for a few hours and then pushed on for Apache spring, where he hoped to strike water. The troop rode through the early morning hours, full of grit and keen to overtake the Apaches, traces of whose flight were becoming more evident every mile. All weariness had vanished. Even the horses felt there was something in the air and answered the bugle call with fresh vigor and go.

A scout first heard the firing at the spring. He did not wait to investigate, knowing he could do nothing alone. The volleys, the difference in the reports of the rifles, proved to him that a fight was on. He knew that the Apaches were being held off. Galloping back to the troop, he reported the fight to its commander.

The bugles sounded. The horses were forced into a gallop. With clashing accouterments and jingling spurs and bits they dashed across the mesa to the head of the trail. Here they met Slim Hoover and his posse coming from an opposite direction.

The firing in the canyon was more intermittent now. Dick and Jack were saving their revolver shots. The Indians were closing in for the last rush.



They dashed across the mesa.

Hardie dismounted his men and threw his troop as groups of skirmishers down the draws leading into one side of the canyon. Slim and his posse were on the left flank, armed with revolvers. Hardie, with a section, dashed down the trail.

They came upon the Apaches with the rush of a mountain torrent, striking them in the front and on the flank. The cavalrymen fired at will, each plunging from one cover to another as he picked out his man.

The Indians for a few moments replied shot for shot. Their stand was a short one, however, and they began to fall back.

(Continued Next Week,)

THE FARMER.

The farmer is in all his glory in these delightful days, taking inventory and planning for the year's work. Long since he has utilized the feeble rays of the sun in the promotion of his early crops. His hotbed, his cold frame, has responded to the call, and now the invigored sun, unleashed of icy chains, is sounding deep everywhere, bidding nature arise and walk in the newness of life. And, sure enough, herbage, timid and shy appearing, lifts up, standing, as it were, on the threshold, awaiting further orders before taking the leap which can never be retraced. The yeomanry of the fields note this with secret delight, for they know 'tis the harbinger of what is to be when they have said, It is finished, leaving the rest to rain and shine.

The nobility of the fields! Eight or more months of hope and anticipation such as is not known by men of most pursuit. Only the fascinating game of chance, or hazard, is more exciting than the prospects of those that sow—eight minths of seed, blossom, fruit. Surely the four yet are needed to rest, to plan for the nevt season.

To the enthusiast, stern winter is sometimes pictured with snow, intruding to the very lentils of the door. Around and about great wastes of snow, as if daunting him that must make his way through it—this waste, howling wilderness of white—chilling the ardor. But he who toils manfully for eight long months with hands, with brains, should laugh in the teeth of such an enemy, as those did of the delightful "Snowbound" by Whittier. Heap high the fire, and why not? Those that incessantly toil and judiciously have the wherewith to heap. So let old Borealis crack his whip. The farmer should be as wise as the squirrel, who lays up its treasure when in season.

Many men are discouraged because they see such little prospects from their viewpoint, and yet the universe is builded on the farmer. Cut him down and out if you please. It is said that the world cannot get along without cooks. If it means finished cooks, it is a big error. It's the farmer, and he alone, whose services cannot be dispensed with. With the heart in any work, the pay will follow as night follows the day.

WHAT SOME COLORED WOMEN ARE DOING.

"There were in 1900, 2,086 women in this country engaged in the saloon business. Of these only 21 were Negro women; in other words, while the Negro women represent about 130 per 1,000 among the females in this county they are only about 10 per 1,000 among the female saloon-keepers of America. There are 440 white female bartenders, but only 22 Negro women. On the other hand, there were in 1900, 863 Negro female merchants, 403 saleswomen, 177 stenographers and typewriters, 754 bookkeepers and clerks, 164 female ministers, 86 artists, 10 female lawyers, 160 female physicians, 13,525 teachers, etc. This city had 78 female saloon-keepers but no Negro woman was among them; New York had 137, but no Negro woman; Chicago had 129, but only 1 Negro woman. The Negro woman has no natural liking for degrading business."—R. R. Wright, Jr., in the Christian Recorder.

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SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1909.

Obstreperous May.

As if this was a government by platforms!

"Rising temperature" looks good in the weather reports in these days.

The Turks are doing a little bit of the French Revolution. Perhaps the change was a little too sudden.

If no one cares much about the mayoralty — well, but perhaps we'd best preserve observation until later on.

And then to think the next Mayor will sit in the swell, new City Hall, and yet no one cares very much for the job. Maybe a "cinch" is expected.

The Baptist white women of the New England States have appropriated $500 for the benefit of the Arkansas Baptist College. Still the good work goes on.

More than 5,000 people, white and colored, were at the burial of W. H. Council, of Normal, Ala., which took place opposite the beautiful Carnegie Library.

The people in La Fayette believe in taking a drink if they feel so inclined. They had the feeling the other day, when it went "wet" by a majority reaching into the thousands.

Boston and New England serves notice that the year 1920 is reserved to them for a world's fair in honor of the landing of the Pilgrims and the foundings of the New England States.

The administration is not grinding rapidly enough for the boys. They are complaining a little early. 'Twas quite a bit of time before the other Presidents took up the colored cause.

The liquor agitation has set forth some important questions. It is said that the business is a mooted question, meaning that it is none too secure, no matter if operating under the sanction of the laws.

Senator Tillman announces with satisfaction that his State has nullified the Fourteenth Amendment, and that the Negroes were disfranchised throughout the South. What is it—anarchy?

A fair association by the colored people at the end of the season will be a good thing. The quota of farmers is not nearly filled out. Some might develop during the progress of the exhibition.

Some for the farms and gardens, and with pride and joy—not merely going as far as one is knocked. Get on a momentum of your own. The prospect of a crop is more exciting than a bucket shop.

So Alexander Hamilton has at last been uncloaked—and by Senator Johnson, of Dakota, who said he was a "contemptible rake." For all these years we've thought he was a firstclsas citizen. Thus, one by one, our ideals fall.

City lot culture for the little boys and girls is advocated with the other good things. We don't want to get the one-sided development. Something is fundamentally wrong when we don't find the people dispersing into all the possible walks of life.

Some one had the temerity to mention the "Black Cabinet" to President Taft. He was utterly astounded. The "Black Cabinet" is said to be a set of high-class Negro politicians not without influence, and who are "next"—that is, as much as it is possible to be next.

If the colored people of this and all communities could enter the stores conducted by white people as clerks, partners, etc.. the situation would be cared for. But since this seems out of the question, the wiser thing is to establish shops and then patronize them.

Ex-President Roosevelt has done it—killed a couple of the leading animals in Africa, according to report. It is not stated whether they were canned lions or not. His son, Kermit, killed a "varmint"—it was about his size. Lions are a little too far along for him yet.

Some nice, little shops on Indiana Avenue, where one may sit down and wait for the street cars if he is so minded to. Conducted by colored people, of course. Things are being done backwards; they used to be, but they aren't any more. Why, they ought to increase by the law of progression.

The Lago's Weekly Record, of West Coast Africa, is also of the opinion that the colonists in Liberia should fraternize with the natives rather than viewing themselves so very much different. The Freeman has ventured the advice on more than one occasion, not, however, without some misgivings, since it did not know the circumstances. The Liberians should seek to civilize the natives and build up a great and powerful nation.

The colored cooks and waiters of Boston have recently organized a union for their protection and betterment. The necessity of placing a higher value on their calling is seen. The better class of this work has been slowly passing into other hands, and as much through lack of appreciation as the desire to install others in the places of colored men. It is reasonable to think that there will always be a class of men for this kind of work. Such being the case, those finding themselves thus engaged should be no less faithful than men in other pursuits. If unions can lead men to be more appreciative of their jobs, they will do as much as they can do in other directions. Very few ordinary occupations are so remunerative; colored men will do the wise thing in sticking to them.

Announcement has already been made of the proposed commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims and the founding of New England by a World's Tercentennial Exposition in Boston in 1920. The date is in the distance, but perhaps none too far off for the thorough New Englanders, who have the reputation for doing great things. In order to do them well, time is essential. The fact that the exposition is to be held in Boston is guarantee of what is to follow. The circular letter announcing the event says: "This early announcement has been deemed necessary in order that the world shall know that the United States reserves the year 1920 for a world's fair, and that Boston and New England will give the intervening years to plans and preparations for an exposition on a scale and magnitude commensurate with the importance of the event which was the birth of the American nation. The Herald would appreciate a copy of your paper with editorial comment with a view to re-publication."

THE LATE WILLIAM HOOPER COUNCIL.

The Negro press was fulsome in its praise of W. H. Council, and deserving. He was one of those men whose death was the only means of knowing who and what he was. Bit by bit his biography is being given, revealing a greater individual than most people thought him to be. He was a great educator, and by preference, since he deliberately chose when political preferment was also his had he been so inclined.

Professor Council easily and readily came to his own, which was in the forefront of men and affairs. No one questioned his distinguished ability, notwithstanding it was in the most part self acquired. He came at a time when the colored people were groping their way, feeling for the light. He was as one of the ancient runners who sped ahead to make way for those to follow. That he should have been a remarkable man was consistent with the tremendous effort he put forth to be a light in the world when the Negro's future was so vague and uncertain. With all of the latter day facilities of the schools, they will not do better than Mr. Council did in fashioning his own destiny.

We said, at another time, that under more favorable auspices he would have been a still greater individual. We choose to change this view, insisting that for his likes he went to the very best school. He was not unlike those grass-feeding plants that thrive on the coarsest aliment, rugged, getting their own anywhere and under any circumstances, yet when the blossoming time comes they are the pride of the field—lingering long to make glad the heart of man. He called on his every faculty, nor rested night nor day until he was given the blessing he so much sought. What men thus seek, the gods in no sense deny. The result was that this splendid man, who, when the freemen had gathered somewhat their scattered wits, was standing ready to prepare them for the citizenship that had so recently came to them. Was it by accident or design? God moves in a mysterious way.

We also said, at another time, that like those old homes of men prepared in the forests with a few rule implements seemed built for all time. This was singularly true of Mr. Council. That education, which he in the most part mapped out for himself, could hardly be widened or deepened, nor could it be contracted. It answered in the beginning and in the end. Every post was satisfactorily filled up until his last day.

The beautiful tributes of respect shown him by the thousands of his own race the country over, and by the white people of his community and State, were touching evidences of the great regard in which the man was held. And had not his eloquence and wisdom filled the land? The Southern press quoted his utterances freely, commending their wholesomeness for the effort to bring about happier relations between the races. The Negro press always mentioned his name with respect. The race has lost a great, grand figure; the country, no less than the race, has lost a great, grand figure, since a man is valued by his work, by the good contributed to the world's stock of beneficence; hence the world has lost a great, grand figure.

MAKE A NOISE LIKE BUSINESS.

According to information, the little city of Cambridge, Md., is nearly ideal when it comes to the diversity of occupations by the colored people. It has a population of 6,000, of which 2,000 are colored—a good proportion, as it may be seen, but a small number when compared with the population in most of the large Northern cities. Really, there is no Northern city of considerable size but what has many more than 2,000 colorel people. They are not nearly so representative from the viewpoint of business as Cambridge, Md., nothwithstanding the greater colored population.

To begin with, Cambridge has fourteen groceries, all said to be well stocked. The number seems unusually large, yet none too large if they are also patronized by the white people, as is the case in some communities. Indianapolis has a community made up largely of colored people. The white people find it necessary to do some trading at the two colored groceries. If the fourteen groceries of Cambridge had the entire trade of the colored people, average would be upwards of thirty families each, making it plain that under the condition last stated the fourteen groceries could flourish. In other directions, the proporitons are much better. It has two physicians, one photographer, one oyster packing house, a lawyer, a merchant tailor, a beef dealer, and a general store, handling furniture, carpets, clothing and other merchandise. To these, of course, will be added the stores and shops incident to the race and as seen everywhere. One will think of Cambridge as a veritable hive of Negro industry.

The cities spoken of, the Northern cities, are doing some things, but nothing like what little Cambridge is doing. The wiseacre will say we don't need them, don't need the various kinds of stores. From what viewpoint comes the observation? We don't like to admit that colored boys and girls don't know what "cash, cash" means, excepting to fork it over to the most obliging "separator." If they did, and found themselves a part of the general interests of a community, the thing of race institutions would not be necessary. They are not absolutely essential, but relatively so, since those things, occupations, and their resultants depend on them, and without which the race may not except citizenship in its best sense.

MT. VERNON, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Martha Camborn, the mother of Mrs. Fanny Cartmal, died last Sunday at about 100 years of age, and was shipped to Uniontown, Ky., for burial. Logan Camborin, of Terre Haute, attended the funeral of his grandmother...Isrel Jones, the tenor solist, rendered one of his beautiful selections at eBthel A. M. E. church which was much enjoyed...Prof. Wm. E. Felton made a business trip to Maumee, Ill....Rev. Majors preached the annual sermon of the Good Samaritans at the Free Baptist Church Sunday afternoon to a crowded house...Rev. Alfred Dunagan went to Carmi Sunday...Elie McClure, of Morganfield, Ky., is visiting Elmo Jones. ...Mrs. Lulla Hall has returned from a visit to Petersburg and also Morganfield, Ky....Mr. Richard Dixon, who has been at work on the Potoka river, is home visiting his family...Master Otana Williams, of Brewer Hill, was in the city Sunday and attended services at the A. M. E. Church...H. J. Thompson is arranging for a big entertainment at Brewer Hill Saturday night, the 8th of May...The A. M. E. Church will open her bazaar next Wednesday night with a musical under the management of Mrs. Mary F. Thompson...Mr. Mart Offut met with an accident. He got his foot caught between two boats and mashed very badly...Mrs. Laura C. Barbour, of South Bend, is in the city visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Webb...The Gertrude B. Hill missionary will meet with Mrs. Stella Wesley Thursday afternoon.

MUNCIE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The city of Muncie was carried for the drys by 209 votes...Mr. Elzie White, of Winchester, was a recent visitor ni the city...S. A. Talbott gave the first spring ball Monday evening, May 3, at Franklin Hall. It was a grand affair, a number of people being present from Marion, New Castle and Richmond...Mrs. Gar. Williams, Miss Lucreta Hansaid, Ithanier Hoosier and Earl Hoosier, of New Castle, were pleasant visitors at the dance Monday evening...Miss Myrtle Newsone, Verne Pettiford, Mrs. Gertrude Smith, Arthur Jordan, Virgia Jones have returned home to Marion, Ind., after attending the grand ball Monday evening...Miss Lessie Emma Neighbors departed this life at the home of her parents at 614 S. Plum street...Grand Lecturer Samuel E. Gray, of Indianapolis, was a visitor of the Knights of Pythias...Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Garrett, of Dayton, O., attended the funeral of Henry Venie...Wm. Peny Baker spent Sunday in Louisville...Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thurmen, of New Castle, are visiting friends...G. Williams spent Sunday in the city...Mrs. Ida Bokman will spend a few days in Chicago next week...Wm. Baugh died at the home of ePter Jordon, 1701 Centennial avenue, Whitely. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The pupils of Douglass School will present the twoscene operatta, "May Queen" with novel specialties at Central High School, 11th and Locust streets, Friday, May 14. The leading characters and chorus has been specially trained and the specialties are unique...The Baltamore waiters' minstrels and May ball at Turner Hall, May 20, one of the grandest affairs of its kind ever attempted by hotel waiters and there will be more fun than a circus. Don't miss the big street parade at 2:30 o'clock. Prof. Claud Williams will be the leader of the brass band of twenty musicians. The Freeman will tell you more about it next issue. John Win, manager; J. B. Hubert, secretary and treasurer; Jack Johnson, stage manager; H. Patton, promoter.

CLEVES, OHIO.

Mr. and Mres. Thos. Walton entertained Sunday afternoon at their home to a very sumptous dinner in honor of their son, Thomas Walton, Jr., of Iowa. Covers were laid for ten. Thos present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Harris, of Cleves, Mrs. Pearl Clayton, Mrs. Van Higgins, of Siketan, Rev. Geo. Lewis, of Delhi. The table was beautifully decorated. In the center was a large vase containing some of the most fragrant flowers of the season and each guest was presented with a boquet on entering the dining room. The affair was one of the many social events which will take place during the season. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all present. A special vehicle was used to convey the guests from the depot to the residence, which is situated in one of the popular locations of the village.

HOUSTON, TEX.

Vistors in Houston for the week: Geo. Walker, of Dallas; William Love, Galveston; Prof. S. C. McCoy, Brenham; Spencer Graves, Richmond; Editor W. Hartley Jackson, of the Tamorian Banner of Conroe...J. J. Turner, a high official in Pilgrim circles, was in our city last week on business for the order...Frank Tajahn made a trip to Alamo City on business concerning the Colored League of the Lone Star State...You can always find The Freeman at John Thomas' shaving parlor on Milam street, and also leave orders and money...Mr. and Mrs. Ed H. Williams, of this city returned home Sunday night from Hempstead, where they went to attend the funeral of Mrs. Williams' brother, who died Saturday morning after a protracted illness...Buy The Freeman at the Bayou City Drug Store, on hand at all times...Headwatier H. Pratt, of the Rice Hotel, stated that he has a corp of thirty-five walters and everything getting along smoothly.

XENIA, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Odd Fellows sermon was preached at Zion Baptist Church by Rev. Woodson. A large crowd attended. People from adjoining cities were present also...The sophomores of the East Main street High School held their rhetorical Friday, April 30. A very enjoyable budget was read by Mr. Edward S. Smith. Miss Helen Ferguson rendered a very superb instrumental solo. Quite a number of citizens attended...The remains of Thomas Price were brought here...The May Festival was witnessed by a large crowd this week. Rev. D. H. V. Purnell and wife are in the city for a few days...Mr. Hugh Travis, who was injured one day last week is able to be up...Mr. Ed Stanton is visiting his mother here for a few days...Secure The Freeman at the Acme newstand.

PARIS, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Abe Miller's death was quite a shock to his many friends. Services at the grave by the Elk lodge. Solo by Howkles...Will Palmer, of Lexington, was in our city this week on business...The opjening game of baseball was played Sunday. Score, 8 to 1 in favor of Mattox's Town Club...Harry Turner, known as "Sheep," is very ill at this writing...Dr. Hagood, the presiding elder of the Lexington Conference, will go to Los Angeles, Cal., and Elder Gorham will take the Lexington Conference presiding elder work, and the Los Angeles, Cal., elder will take the Paris, Ky., M. E. Church as his work.

GREENVILLE, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Thursday, April 29, Mrs. Betsey Simington, one of Greenville's oldest and most honored Christian women, departed this life. Mrs. Simington was born in Richmond, Va., but in her early age she came to Texas, where she has resided for fifty years. She was a consistent Christian, honored and loved by all who knew her. She leaves one son and two daughters, R. A. Culberson, Mrs. Randall Amos and Mrs. Febie Simington, and a number of grandchildren...Little Rosezell Willis, the three-year-old daughter of Mrs. Lillian Willis, came near losing her eye by being struck in it...Mr. Will Brigham was struck on the nose by a heavy timber while at work at the compress...Little Bernice Brown, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown, is sick with the la grippe... Little Dora Williams is over to see her grandmother, Mrs. Dora Baker...Mr. Bose Gosery is now with Danna Thomas Minstrel Co. playing the cornet...The Freeman can be found at A. B. Culberson's barbershop on South Right street, next door to the Ketry Ice Cream Parlor. ...Mrs. Lucy Hunter has returned to Dallas...Revival is going on at the Vine Baptist Church, Rev. J. B. Atcken, pastor. ...J. S. Elmore has been initiated to the mysteries of the Knights of Phythias.

HELBYVILLE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. William G. Hines spent last Sunday at Noblesville in the interest of the Missionary Society of the aBptist Church. ...Dr. David E. Skelton, of Indianapolis, delivered an eloquent lecture last Thursday evening for the benefit of the Second M. E. Church. Nineteen dollars and twenty-five cents wkas the evening proceeds. Dr. Skelton spoke along the line of foreign missions...A May fair will be held at the Second M. E. Church the last week in May...Rev. H. W. Jones delivered an excellent sermon Sunday morning...Mrs. S. A. Ramsey, the noted evangelist, was home this week for a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Russell. She is now visiting surrounding cities in the interest of the Tri-State Home for Unfortunate Girls, which is located in Cincinnati...Rev. James Allen preached an excellent sermon Sunday morning...Mr. James Georgia, Mrs. Julia Watkins, Mrs. Charity Robinson and Mrs. H. W. Jones have been on the sick list this week...The funeral of Mr. Sanford Senior was held last Sunday at the Second Baptist Church. He leaves to mourn his death three sons and two daughters. Mr. Senior died at the county farm. He was born in 1833 in Kentucky...Mr. Russell W. Seward spent last Saturday celebrating his sixteenth birthday.

MASSILLON, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

J. W. Hadnott Crane, runner and electrician at the Massillon Iron and Steel Company plant, recently made a tour of the south, and while enroute was the guest of relatives in Alabama...John Brooks Crane, runner at the Massillon Iron and Steel Company plant, has purchased a valuable lot on Akron street and will erect a residence on it...Miss Cora Lee Green, of Sippo street, entertained Saturday afternoon at a delightful luncheon Miss Emma Gilbinson, of Sandusky and Miss Lucy Follis, of Wooster. Mrs. Louia Green acted as hostess. Several games of euchre were played and a pleasant time was enjoyed...J. Mose Lowry, deacon of the Shiloh aBptist Church was taken ill during the session of the church with a severe hemorrhage, but at last reports was some better...James Earley is able to be out again and at work...H. A. Croxton, president of the Massillon Iron and Steel Company plant, has built a new pit in the shop, which when finished will employe a few more skilled pipe foundry men. Mr. Croxton employes quite a number of colored men, some of them holding responsible positions....The third education session of the Northern Ohio Baptist Sunday School Convention and regular Quarterly Meeting of the Northern aBptist Ministers' and eDacons' Union, was held in the Shiloh Baptist Church and Sunday school Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 23, 24 and 25. Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor; Miss Lillie Johnson, superintendent of the Sunday school; J. A. Johnson, teacher. The session was one of the largest ever held in Massillon, many representatives were present and the vistors were well cared for during their stay. ...N. C. Hawkins, one of Massillon's progressive Christian literary and business men, is at present at Sekitan, Ohio, where he has engaged exclusively in the literary business, carrying a line of books, Bibles, albums, pictures, calendars and post cards. Mr. Hawkins also represents The Freeman publishing Company.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

There were many lives wiped out by the cyclone over the eastern part of Montgomery county. The worst wind in the history of this section, followed by fire, and thousands of dollars worth of property was destroyed in the Eleventh district, white and colored suffering the loss of everything they possessed. The white and colored people of Clarksville are at work trying to relieve the sufferers...Miss Eva Brigham, of Erin, Tenn., was the guest of Mrs. L. W. Cross last week... The Jubilee Quartet of Fisk University will render a concert and reading in the interest of the colored infirmary at Elder's Opera House Friday, May 7...Mrs. Lou Barker, one of the oldest members of the St. John Baptist Church, keeps quite ill. ...The Lord, in His own wise providence, called from laborf to reward our dear friend and sister, Ardville Farley Broadders, the esteemed wife of Edd Broadus. She leaves a husband and two children, father and brothers and a host of relatives and friends who keenly feel her lost. Her death is very widely and deeply felt by her many friends who loved her for the many fine qualities she possessed. She was an honorable friend, a devoted wife and loving mother, and above all, she was a child of "The King," and often said during her patient suffering, "My will is lost in the will of the Lord...The Freeman on sale at No. 1034 Main street. G. P. Ligon earnestly solicits your patronage...Mrs. Frances Turnley and daughter Cynthia, formerly of Clarksville, are very ill in St. Louis, at 2105 Washington avenue.

MERIDIAN, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

A Sunday marriage took place at the St. James A. M. E. Church Sunday evening, May 2, at 5:30. The contracting parties were Mr. Frank Jordan, of Ellisville, Miss., and Mrs. Mary J. Wilson, of this city. Rev. Dr. H. H. Buckenham, the pastor, officiated. Mrs. M. B. Gibbs played the wedding march. A reception was tendered them at the home of Mrs. E. L. Johnson, corner 34th avenue and 11th street. Quite a large crowd was at the church to witness the ceremonies... Wayne Howard, of Demopolis, Ala., has been visiting his brother, Dr. E. E. Howard, and family the past week...Rev. J. B. S. Boalwright baptised quite a good number at the creek Sunday, May 2. The Calvary Baptist Church has been carrying on a revival. Rev. L. S. Lee preached there at 11 a. mfi and Rev. J. B. Branam at 3 p. m....Schools are now closing in Meridian, Miss. Prof. G. M. Reece, of the Meridian Baptist Seminary May 9 at New Hope Baptist Church. The baccalureate sermon by Rev. C. L. Fisher, A. M. B. D., of Birmingham, Ala., closing on the 13th. The Girls' Home Industrial School will have their annual sermon at the Masonic Temple May 9 at 11 a. m., by Dr. H. H. Buckingham, of the A. M. E. Church, closing on May 10, Miss Annie E. Triplett, principal...The Meridian Academy commencement exercises on May 7-12. Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. J. N. C. Coggini, D. D., pastor M. E. Church, Covington, Ga. Prof. J. Beverly F. Shaw is the principal...Rev. L. S. Lee preached an able sermon at New Hope Baptist Church Sunday night, May 2, to a large congregation. The sermon was well delivered and every one was well pleased.

LOGANSPORT, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The rally at eBthel A. M. E. Church last Sunday was quite a success, $676.89 being the total receipts for the day. Rev. Craven and the building committee will have the repairs on the church complete in a few days and everything ready for the reopening Sunday, May 23, and for the district conference and Sunday school convention of the Indianapolis district, which convenes on the 26th. Bishop C. T. Shaffer will be present at the reopening and also at the district meeting, for one day at least...Mrs. Johnnie Parker, who has been very sick for the past two weeks at her home in Miami avenue, is reported a little better...Mrs. Sophorana Jackson and little granddaughter, of Marion, were the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dickey on College avenue...After several weeks' delay on account of sickness, the members of the Dramatic Club began their rehersal for the play that is to be given at an early date...Dr. H. Ford was in the city the first of the week...Mr. Lynal Allen, of Pittsburg, was in the city the first of the week...Mr. Tom Kelly, of Peru, has accepted a position in Wesley Gray's shop. ...Mr. Louis Isabel has left the city... Mrs. Manly Newson and daughter and her neice are preparing to leave the last of this month for a couple of months' visit in the South...The members and friends of Bethel Church feel very proud of our pastor, Rev. J. L. Craven, who had the push, without a dollar to start with, to remodel the church, and when complete we feel that there will not be a church in Indiana whose interior will be more beautiful than little Bethel in Logansport.

DELHI, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. W. S. Fields attended services at Sekiton Sunday morning...Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Boston, Mrs. Dick Wilson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Taylor and daughter, Mrs. Edna Bayer, in Sekitan... Regular services were conducted at both churches Sunday...Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Graves, of Hebron, Ky., Mr. Arthur Baitey, Mr. Geo. Payne, of Constance, Ky., visited the Baptist church in Sekitan Sunday...Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jimmerson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Delaney, of Sekitan.

MINEOLA, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Joe Williams, whose leg was broken some time ago, is better. He is a son-in-law of Mrs. Chanie Roerts....Miss Eva Martin, of Dallas, was here last week on a visit....A supper was given at the U. B. F. Hall last Saturday....W. T. Tate, of Terrell, was here last week on lodge business, and will go East....Mrs. Sallie Williams has been ill for some time with smallpox, but is now better. She is at the residence of Mrs. Mollie Price....Ben Baker was very sick last week....See Sandy Anderson for THE FREEMAN.

DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Leslie Johnson is improving the family estate....Embrey, the photographer, is making some nice pictures of the churches, lodges and homes of our people here.... All Odd Fellows in the city are to take an active part in the annual thanksgiving sermon at St. James A. M. E. Church, Sunday....A choice program will be presented by members of the seven lodges and Households of Ruth....William Davis is in the city indefinitely....Mrs. Murry is home after a brief visit....Sixteen persons were taken into the K. of P. lodge Tuesday night....Mr. and Mrs. Roy Loggins entertained at their residence with cards and refreshments to their friends this friends this week....Lincoln Park, Wednesday night, May 12, K. of P. jicnic. ....Mrs. Bert Nickerson is up....Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Walker now reside on South Preston street....Mrs. Mamie Scott was called to San Antonio to be with her sister, who is dangerously ill....Miss Estella Weaver is visiting relatives in San Antonio....Manager T. H. Walker, of the Cubs, was called to the Bayou City on business this week....Mrs. Mollie Smith is spending a while in New York....The latest in club circles is the new Calhoun Club, at 355 Jackson street....A white lady who resided on State street, this city, died and willed to the Julia Fowler Home and Training School for Colored Girls several thousand dollars' worth of good accounts and property and a cash account at the bank....The recommending of Bob Cornwell as chief of police for the metropolis was in the right....Mrs. Eliza Cooper is up, after a few days' illness.

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POLITICAL WAR IS RAGING

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G. P. Gray as secretary of the league. This occurred at a meeting on last Thursday night. Knight claimed that his absence delayed the work of the league, and through the suggestion of Knight a new secretary was chosen in the person of W. T. Garnett.

The work of getting down to real business of soliciting money for the entertainment of the league has not yet begun. A report was made, however, that some few dollars in subscriptions on souvenir program was in the hands of the financial committee.

Charles Moore, national organizer, will be in the city May 17, 18 and 19 to give the league a little stirring up, which the people claim it certainly needs. Dr. C. H. Parrish and Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore and some others were appointed to meet Mr. Moore.

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There has been quite a lull in social affairs in the city of Louisville after Lent. Not in recent years have social affairs been so quiet as the past several weeks. The monotony was broken, however, last week by a formal whist party given in honor of Mrs. L. Fletcher of Lexington, Ky., by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cooper. Mrs. Fletcher is the guest of Miss Mattie Estelle on East Breckenridge street.

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The Goldsborough Club was entertained last week by Mrs. M. L. Purnell, 1315 Green street.

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Mrs. Thomas Florence, formerly of Indianapolis, but now of this city, spent Sunday in Indianapolis, the guest of her mother, Mrs. Mattie Florence.

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The city was crowded Monday with visitors to attend the races. The annual Derby was run at Churchill Downs, one of the most famous race tracks in the country. The attendance was one of the largest in the history of the association. The Derby winner was Wintergreen, a Kentucky three-year-old colt.

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John Clark, who was born a slave in Nelson county, Ky., January 1, 1837, died April 27, 1909, at his home, 624 Newton street, this city, at the age of 72 years. He enlisted in the Union army in 1865, and joined Company B, 125th Regiment, U. S. C. I., February 27, in which company he served as a private under Lieut. J. M. Kins. He was honorably discharged at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 20, 1867. Mr. Clark came to Louisville the same year, and two years later was married to Mary Butler, who died very suddenly at Quin Chapel Church January 8, 1906. Having lost his companion, and being left to care for a large family—three boys and four girls—to whom he was much devoted. Being an invalid, he was pensioned by the Government until the time of his death. He was a good, loving husband and an indulgent father and had many friends. Rev. John H. Frank and Rev. M. F. Robinson conducted the funeral services from the home. The funeral was largely attended. Warner Post G. A. R. and Daughters Relief Corps were present. The interment was in the Cave Hill Cemetery.

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Will Green has been confined to his bed at 1118 Cedar street for two weeks with typhoid pneumonia. He is improving.

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Emmett Lee of Cincinnati, enroute to New York, stopped over last week to see his wife, Mrs. Fannie Lee, who is visiting Mrs. Ella Crutchfield at 1128 West Walnut street. Mrs. Lee will join her husband in New York next week, where they will make their future home.

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30 North Pennsylvania Street.

Edwards and Oglesby at Xenia, O., are preparing to open a vaudeville theatre.

S. H. Dudley, in the "Black Politician," played to a good house at Columbus last week.

Cox and Cox at the Amuse-U-Theatre, Memphis, Tenn., send regards to the profession.

V. P. Holden's Dixie Land Minstrels are meeting with great success with the 101 Ranch Wild West Show.

Harry J. Earle, the dancing Earle, is now located at Salt Lake City, Utah, on account of the illness of his wife.

The Goodloes closed at the Lincoln Theatre and are at Louisville visiting Mrs. Hoke, the mother of Mrs. Goodloe.

Robert Clarke closed at the Pekin at Louisville and has joined the Goodloe team, which will be known as Goodloe and Clarke.

Cole and Johnson in "The Ied Moon" made a big hit at the Majestic Theatre, Iew York. The engagement in that city is indefinite.

Sydney Kirk, the Hoosier baritone, wishes to know the whereapouts of Prof. Lawrence Freeman. Write at once care of The Freeman.

Joe Chandler is singing with the Glazier Quartette at Chicago with much success. Mr. Chandler is also managing the Eureka barber shop at 158 East Eighteenth street.

The Lomax Theatre at Houston, Tex., has undergone very extensive repairs and presents a very beautiful appearance. John Dancer, a Southern singer of some note, has several good acts booked.

John Hedge, the "Romantic Kid," and his wrestling ponies "Banner" and "Madison," are filling a six weeks' engagement at the Empire Theatre, San Francisco, Cal.

The Williams Jubilee Singers filled a two nights' engagement at the Christian Church, Spokane, Wash., last week. At the Orpheum Theatre Johnson and Wells were the hit of the bill.

The marvelous G. F. Wilson has joined hands with Harry Brooks. The former is of St. Louis and the latter of Washington, D. C. The team of Brooks & Wilson plays the Hippodrome next week.

Chintz Moore and wife Ella are at the Amuse-U-Theatre, Memphis, Tenn., filling a ten weeks' engagement, closing the bill at each performance. The act alone is said to be worth the price of admission.

James W. Hamilton and Nona Trice Hamilton, after having closed a successful season in vaudeville at Macon, Ga., have joined Rich Simons' big vaudeville show at Atlanta, Ga. Regards to all friends and Allen's Minstrels.

Happy A. Howe, the Southern favorite, now located at Pensacola, Fla., has joined hands with Hutler May, the teaser, at Montgomery, Ala., and will present a vaudeville act. Regards to Billy Kersands. Would like to hear from Miss Hattie Bluford.

Black & Jones, of the well-known dancing comedians, who sailed for England March 31, opened at the Empire, Liverpool, Easter week. They held a position on the bill which is considered a hard spot, that of next to closing. They scored a big hit and were forced to take five curtain calls. The act is booked for 18 weeks solid over the Moss Stoll circuit.

Hi Jerry Barnes opened the Pekin Theatre at Gary, Ind., 1525 Broadway, April 17, with eight people in stock. The members are Joe Sandforth, Mrs. Lora Smith, Charlie Davis, Mrs. Daisy Tifees, Mrs. Pansy Fishback, Mrs. Maud Grundie, Mrs. Hazel Brookens, Prof. Emerson. Mrs. Hi Jerry Barnes has been sick, but is now much better. Company sends regards to all friends.

Joel & Glickstine's Air Dome, Jacksonville, Fla., one of the largest colored houses in the South, opened Monday, May 3. They have engaged some of the best talent in the business. Prof. Eugene Mikles' orchestra furnished the latest selections. J. H. Williams, the celebrated comedian, of Cleveland, O., arrived in the city April 20 and will have charge of the stage.

The Smart Set, headed by the redoubtable S. H. Dudley, comprising sixty players of the first rank, will fill a week's engagement at Kernan's Lyceum Theatre, opening Monday afternoon, May 10. Matinees will be given daily. Manager Kernan announces that colored people will be admitted to any portion of the house. Rumor has it that Cole & Johnson are coming soon with "The Red Moon," but nothing definite can be learned concerning the matter.

Fred W. Simpson, bandmaster the past four seasons with Richards & Pringles Famous Georgia Minstrels, is at his home, 356 West Twelfth street, Indianapolis, spending his vacation. He will resume his duties with the same organization August 1 at Benton Harbor, Mich. Mr. Simpson would be pleased to hear from Ed English, Picolo Jones at once. Regards to friends.

A. L. Strauder, singing and character comedian, is enjoying himself at his country home at Ripley, O., fishing and boating. He had the pleasure of meeting some friends with the Emerson Floating Palace Show, which played at his home to a large house April 28. Mr. Strouder will be pleased to hear from friends at any time. Address Ripley, O., Box 85.

Epps and Loretta are appreciated entertainers at the Majestic Theatre, Cincinnati, this week. Of their engagement at Dayton, O., the Daily News says: "A colored team called Epps and Lauretta, appeared at the Victoria Theatre. They have a very pleasing act. Miss Lauretta, the female member of the team, can easily say she is one of the livest soubrettes of her race, while the male member sings his songs in a very pleasing manner."

The team of Neely and Woods is now playing at the Airdome Theatre, Georgetown, S. C., and making good every night. They are working to mostly white people and are getting credit as the strongest sketch team that has ever been seen in that city. Neely is singing "Baby Doll" and is cleaning up. Woods is doing ventriloquist and his little boy Henry sings "Yongo Head," "Friend of Mine" and "I'll Stay Right Here. Best regards to all friends.

The Star Theatre at Charlotte, N. C., has one of the best vaudeville bills in the South. The roster is as follows: B. E. Edwards, the singer, formerly with the Dandy Dixie Minstrels; Mrs. Rhodie McNeil, the soloist; Mrs. G. McDaniel, the coon shouter; J. M. McNeil, the monologuist; Miss M. Swinton, the buck dancer; O. Robinson, dancer; T. Swat, pianist and musical director. Lee Henderson is general manager.

The Arcade Theatre of Atlanta, Ga., is playing nightly to S. R. O. with the following talented ladies and gentlemen: Prof. Eddie Butler, musical director and stage manager; comedians, C. L. Crawford, Billie Durand, Chas. Bedsley, with J. E. McGaner, trap drummer, assisted by the fine singing and dancing of Misses Evelyn White, Sadie Anderson and Bessie Smith. Chas. P. Bailey, the proprietor, never fails to let the ghost walk each Saturday afternoon. Regards to all in and out of the profession.

SOUTH BEFORE THE WAR CO.

J. Benj. Simmons, the little comedian of the Buckeye State, is at the head of a company playing at Olantancy Park at Columbus, O., this season. His comedy work is such that he is considered one of the best young ocmedians. He is a high-class comedian and is naturally funny, even without makeup, and has made hundreds laugh at the park this week. The members of the company are. Wm. (Pus) Jackson, who sings "Sugar Cane" to perfection; also Bessie Higgins, who sings "Banda Leggs" and plays the part of leading lady. Others in the company are Bessie Brown, Lillian Nichols, Katie Crage, Jno. Mortimer, Will Pierce.

NOTED WOMAN PASSES AWAY.

Caddie A. Whitman, of Atlanta, Ga., widow of the noted colored poet-preacher, Alberry A. Whitman, a representative colored woman, mother of the Whitman Sisters, and who for over thirty years has given her life to charitable and rescue work, passed away yesterday at her Hilliard street home. She occupied a foremost place in her race, lecturing and organizing societies and clubs for the rescue of colored women and girls, and directing a general organization known as "The Mothers of the Twentieth Century," of which she was the president and inspiration.

Her funeral took place Sunday at 2 o'clock from Big Bethel Church, of which she was a devoted member.—Atlanta Constitution.

THE ORIGINAL COLORED ARISTOCRATS.

We are now on the Vesbeck & Farrell circuit, filling a 25-week contract, and our act is a hit. They say it is the best dressed comedy act on the circuit. We are presenting our own creation, "Thursday Born on Friday." We are featuring "Tillie," "Starlight Maid," "Old Time Rag," "Did He Run," and "Let Me Be Your Lemon Coon." Billy Simpson, late of Simpson and Johnson, from the circuit, is making a mark for the straight men. Watch us grow. Walter Lyons sends regards to Fred Lewis and wife.

LYRIC THEATER, SHREVEPORT.

Sunday night we played to 1,964 people, putting on three shows—"The Possumville Spillers," "Judge Yazoo" and "The Fowl Deed." We have with us the Perrys, the McGees and little Rucks, the laughing little fellow, John Ellis and Miss Peal Swingingon. Baby Seals is our pianist and Ed F. Peat is here yet. Mr. Peat sends best regards to the "Dandy Dixie" bunch and the W. A. Mahara bunch, and would like to hear from Raymond Reeves, Al Boyd, Arthur L. Prince, Tony Ridley, Al Struder and S. T. Dunmore.

Mr. Hoopes will take out a road show May 31, under canvas. We will have two cars—a palace car, which has been made in Wilmington, Del., and a baggage car, and will have thirty people. We will be in Jackson, Miss., from May 10 to 22. Address all mail to American Theater.

Say, Sam Davis, why don't you and Bill Young, Tim Owley, Skinner Lee and O. H. Mead write?

HOTTEST COON IN DIXIE SHOW.

S. H. Dudley's "Hottest Coon in Dixie" show will open this season at the National Theater, Philadelphia, May 24, for one week, then to Chester, the home of the young and enterprising manager, and winter quarters, where Dudley has in the storehouse the famous "Jolly Ethiopians." Mr. Dudley intends to tour the same territory this season with "The Hottest Coon in Dixie" that he toured with the "Jolly Ethiopians." Next season the two shows will be put out. Mr. Dudley will not be with the show much this summer. After he opens the show and plays the Elks benefit at Harrisburg, Pa., he will take a long-needed rest until the closing week; then S. H. gets busy again, rewriting, staging and engaging people for the "Smart Set." Roster for "The Hottest Coon in Dixie" is as follows: S. H. Dudley, sole owner; E. B. Davis, business manager; Mrs. S. H. Dudley, treasurer; William Baynard, general manager; John Payne, advertising agent; George Rhone, leader of orchestra; Alfonso Claybrook, leader of band; William Ramsey. stage manager.

ALLEN'S MINSTRELS.

We are in Arkansas again, and will be in Oklahoma shortly. We played Memphis, Tenn., two nights, April 29 and 30. It is the home of P. L. Jenkins, the popular B. & O. trombonist, and there was some old-time handshaking, and after the parade, at the residence of his brother, William E. Jenkins, 393 Humphrey street, a swell dinner was set and enjoyed, Will Bolden acting as toastmaster.

William Phillips sends best regards to the "Rabbit's Foot" Comedy Company, also the Florida Blossoms.

H. S. Smith sends regards to P. G. Lowery and company, also Paul Carter.

Robert Miller is convalescent and at work again.

J. B. Norton is singing "I'm Going to Do What I Please," and always draws applause.

Norris Griggsby, he who imitates a hunchback, never fails to score singing "Lovin' Time."

Our band never fails to leave the crowds talking about marvelous execution and perfect discipline.

C. A. La Rose still keeps them guessing singing "The Old-Time Rag."

FLORIDA BLOSSOMS.

The Florida Blossoms continue to please and surprise the people by their clean, refined and entertaining performances. We are in a new territory where the show is unknown and is making a reputation second to none. Our parade is the talk of each city and village we visit, as is also our band, under the able direction of E. B. Dudley. Our noon day parade and concerts compare favorably with some of the large concert bands.

C. H. Douglas, one of the proprietors, is on the sick list and his confined to his home in Macon. The entire company wish for him a speedy recovery. The Fishers, Lonnie and Cora, in their dancing specialty are red hot favorites. Billy Richardson, our principal comedian, is cleaning up. The Prices, Kate and Tom, are prime favorites, and as performers are in a class to themselves. Miss Stella Smith pleases with her singing. Clarence Stewart is doing nicely. Adella Smith and Daisy Williams, soubrettes, wish to be remembered to all friends. Sam Cohen, the popular announcer, is proving that he is without a peer as a "spieler." Goff Kennedy, stage manager, would like to hear from friends. Sam Parker joined at Anderson, S. C., as boss canvasman.

All mail should be addressed care of Florida Blossoms, 361 Fourth street, Macon, Ga.

Joe Miller, tuba player, sends regards to Allen's New Orleans Minstrels and all friends and says write.

THE GREAT WALLACE-HAGENBACH SHOW DELIGHT THOUSANDS AT INDIANAPOLIS.

The greetings of spring were realized in the fullness of the term last week when the great Wallace-Hagenbeck circus made Indianapolis a visit for one day. This show has so many features to recommend it to the public that it is almost a puzzle for one to find just where to commence. It requires two big sections of trains for the transportation of the outfit. The management seems to have omitted nothing that belongs to a well-regulated circus. Colored performers, colored cooks, colored laborers; in fact, colored men seemed to serve in every possible place they could be used. This is a strong inducement for the colored patronage to this show where it may appear. The big show is headed through the Virginias and The Freeman takes especial pride in recommending it to the race throughout its course in the Southland.

The most pleasing feature of the circus will prove, no doubt, to be the P. G. Lowery concert band and jubilee minstrels in the side show or Annex. This troupe is a whole circus within itself. Prof. Lowery has surrounded himself with the best talent procurable in the business. It is veritably an opera house show under canvas. The company consists of four comedians—Jno. L. Edwards, Chas. Beechum, Harry Crosby and Billy Earthquake. Blanche Beechum is a finished and pleasing interlocutor. Her work is of a finished character. She sidesteps those tiresome drags that one is forced to stand for oftentimes in colored minstrel shows. The company carries two other young ladies besides Mrs. Beechum. Miss Johnella Gay and Essie Williams clean up as coon shouters. In Mr. Barrfield, Prof. Lowery has dug up a good bass singer. The band consists of fourteen pieces and is conceded to be the largest side show band on the road. The orchestra, under the directorship of A. Victor, is a complete organization within itself. It is composed of six musicians. The full roster of the company follows: P. G. Lowery, band master and manager; Arthur Jackson, Tom May, Tom Toliver, A. Victor, H. L. Rawles, Irwin Brown, Arthur Hill, William May, James B. Hall, Tony Barrfield, John L. Edwards, Charles Beechum, Blanche Beechum, Essie Williams and Miss Johnella Gay.

The above aggregation is to be seen to be appreciated. The side show of the Wallace-Hagenbeck circus serves as a distinct holiday for the colored patrons wherever the shows exhibit.

EXCHANGE GARDEN THEATER AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

James H. Gross and B. A. Wright, mixologists and bartenders, are always in attendance to serve their many friends. Both gentlemen are of good standing, both in society and social circuit. They are always glad for their friends to call, as the attention given in their respective businesses is high class and up to date. They solicit your trade at all times. Regards to friends in and out of the profession.

Robert Johnson, known as Shun the Sweet Boy, is always at the main entrance to receive tickets from those many friends who visit the big show nightly. Lucky Hunt, the efficient ticket agent, is always on his post, waiting to serve you with tickets for the big show. He is polite at all times; sends best regards to all friends. Miss Vergie Deore, after a severe illness, is again up and making good as of old singing "Red, Red Rose" with much success; sends regards to Pearl Woods, Mabel Johnson and all friends of the profession.

IN DEHOMEY.

By Juli Jones.

Dahomey has simply lost its dear bait, and that weather man—well, it's good that he hasn't been to his office for the last week, as he has saved the grand jury a lot of trouble, as he has stepped on the feet of the baseball fans, and that is sure serious trouble in Chicago. Things have just been awful in Dahomey for a week. All rain and no sunshine. Wait—that's all.

There will be some sensational changes in the Dahomey houses next week. Watch this column for it. Everything will be for the good. It looks like a free-for-all moving day.

Wise and Milton leave this week for the coast with ten people on the Plantagus time.

Bert A. Williams in vaudeville, $750 per week. What's next? Ethiopia is certainly straightening forth her arms.

The Washington, a five-cent house in Dahomey, is no more. The only thing left is "He never told a lie."

The bill for the Monogram this week is of a busking form. Slim Henderson, Will Thomas and Joe Simms, all talking and plenty singing. Somebody is in wrong.

Reports have it that King and Bailey, who head the Chocolate Drops, are the first colored act that will play American Music Hall Morris House.

Chicago vaudeville had two black headliners last week—Champion Jack Johnson at the Haymarket, Cooper and Robinson at the Olympic. Dahomey had the Leland Giants.

S. H. Dudley is trying to rob us of everything for his summer show. He has engaged our star little team, Claybrook and Claybrook, to feature his summer show.

Joe Jordan has at last put over a winner, "I Want Nobody But You."

May 10 will see whether or not the Chicago theater public wants musical comedy, when the original Pekin Stock Company presents "Sambo."

What seems to be news to the colored profession is that Charlie Johnson, of Johnson and Dean, has been in Minneapolis, Minn., for six months quite ill.

The crew fo the Seattle fair is not yet complete. The Freeman will furnish the full roster.

Cole and Johnson, in "The Red Moon," have at last landed on Broadway in New York. From the colored way of thinking, it's C. D. Q.—come d— quick. What's the trouble in New York?

PITTSBURG SHOW SHOP.

By Jassimine.

Things are going fine along the Avenue. We are still having the finest kind of weather, and everything is going just lovely.

The "Smart Set," headed by that popular comedian, S. H. Dudley, opened for a week's engagement at the Bijou Theater Monday night. The house was packet at each performance, and all of the performers acquitted themselves nobly. Mr. Dudley was ably supported by Irving Allen, Eddie Stafford, Nettie Glen, Alberta Ormes Dudley, Hattie Hopkins and a well-trained chorus.

Cooke and Stevens are at the Grand Opera House this week, and are one of the hits of an exceedingly well-balanced bill.

Mrs. Clara Betters, wife of Billie Betters, and a member of the team of Betters and Betters, died very suddenly its Monday night, and was buried last Friday afternoon. A big benefit matinee was arranged by the many performers who happened to be in the city for Mr. Betters. Manager Himey Martin, of the Lyceum Theater, donated the use of the house, and the following performers appeared: Reese Brothers, Burton and Watts, Memphis Student Trio, Bob Johnson, Harry Brooks, Nash and nash and several others. At the funeral, Friday afternoon, Mr. Johnson, 'cellist of the Memphis Trio, played a very pretty sacred solo, and Charles Burton, of Burton and Watts, sang "Beyond the Gates of Paradise." Mrs. Betters was well known in the profession, and had a host of friends who mourn her loss deeply.

Owing to a delay in the completion of the building, the new Star Theater will not be opened until about May 8. It will no doubt prove to be the most popular place on the Avenue. It has a seating capacity of five hundred, and the manager, Mr. Dunlap, has announced that he will feature polite vaudeville and moving pictures.

J. W. Myers, the well-known cornetist of Robinson's orchestra, has been appointed assistant leader of the First Brigade Band, K. of P. Mr. Myers, besides being a fine gentleman, is considered one of the city's best musicians, and will no doubt be a great help to the band, which is now considered one of the best of its kind in the country.

Local Union No. 471, A. F. of M., has moved its headquarters to No. 1319 Wylie avenue, where it has fixed up a very nice place to entertain visiting musicians and friends. The new quarters consist of an office room, reading and writing room, and a very nice billiard and pool parlor for members only.

Meggins and Green are playing at the West End Theater this week, and are doing fine.

Bob (Rockpile) Johnson, the monologist, is playing at the South Side Theater this week, and is, as usual, making good.

R. G. Baker, the well-known vocalist, has been suffering with a severe cold for the past two weeks, but is now very much improved and able to resume his duties at the Fulton Theater.

The rehearsals of the comic opera "Uganda," which is to be produced at the Bijou Theater in June, under the personal direction of Edward H. Winn, are going along nicely, and it will no doubt prove to be the musical treat of the season.

Both houses offer fair bills this week, and are having large crowds nightly.

THE LYCEUM.—This house offers a fair bill this week, headed by Berry Sinwekler, a singing and dancing comedian, who did fair. Next came Florence Watson, a very clever soubrette, who was well received. Then came the Reynolds Sisters, song and dance artists, who did some very good singing; and moving pictures closed the bill.

THE FULTON.—This house offers a very good bill this week, headed by the Memphis Students, a trio of very good singers and musicians, who sang and played themselves into the hearts of their audiences. Each one of them is the possessor of a very good voice, and knows how to use it, and they were forced to respond to repeated encores. Then came Nash and Nash, in a singing, talking and dancing act that was well received, although they have been seen on the Avenue before. R. J. Baker, in illustrated songs, and moving pictures closed a good bill.

RAMBLING.

Those reading these "ramblets" will understand that I simply draw on my own information, which is very often too meagre to do justice to the individuals; then again I find that error creeps in once in a while, and which need correction, for fear it be thought intentional. And on this point be it understood that nothing will be set down in malice, nor naught extenuated. In speaking of Harry Brown, the well-known singing artist, I said that he was a cousin to Frank Brown, the tenor. They are brothers; half brothers to be exact. Harry styles himself "singing cartoonist." The team is Brown and Hodges, and not Brown and Brown as I stated last week, traveling as Indian Singing Cartoonists—Harry and Lulu. The Philadelphia Ledger had the following to say concerning them after their appearance in that city:

"A pretty singing and cartooning act was that of Brown and Hodges, two real Indian artists. While they portrayed scenes with colors, they sang catchy melodies. This was their first appearance in this city and they will be welcome when they return."

The comment is modest but earnest and is highly prized by the team.

A most kindly letter was received by the Rambling writer from Brown, in which he made some pleasing references. In it were unmistakable proof of the assertion that there's no place like home. He manifested no desire to return to his home, but it was clear that in mentioning the associations, his heart was touched. When a man of the world says mother, God, wife, in his correspondence, it may be set down that he means it. He does not finish his statement in reference to his mother; perhaps he couldn't. He says "but I married a good woman," as if the place of her was somewhat supplied. In the language of the Iliad—those lost lived again in those found. Then he utters this beautiful philosophic thought: "My friend I cherish, my foes I utterly let alone."

I have commented largely on Harry Brown and his wife, but they are deserving. They are alone; no one is in their class beyond themselves, doing a work that wins the admiration of all who see them. Harry Brown is an Indianapolis boy.

I also found myself in error in reference to Lizzie Pugh Deegan. The song she first sang in public began thus: "I am tired now and sleepy too; come put me in my little bed." Last week I had it that it began with the lines, "Come, birdie, come kiss me good night, for my evening prayer is said." Those were the lines of the chorus, and which properly were "Come, sister, come," etc., and not "Come, birdie, come," etc.

Since writing of her some have taken exception to the statement that she did her great work when fully intoxicated. I expected the same, and will state the situation more comprehensively. Lizzie Pugh, I say again, was one of the gifted women of the earth when it came to the matter of voice. No one had a greater gift. So great, that without any cultivation excepting that caught up here and there by singing teachers when teaching her her songs, she was able to sing as a matter of livelihood before this latter day of opportunity. No marchesi had anything to do with her or any of the high-priced voice builders. She did not know Italian, French, as Madam Selika did, and as a matter of part of ground work of her art, so said. She was blessed beyond her knowledge; that other refinement which means the allied arts were not dreamed of. She did not read of those in her class with the object of vieing with them in all things. She pleased; she drew her salary—in bliss and ignorance of what it was all about. Remember she was no jubileer; no "coon" song shouter; sang straight from the beginning. Her violin voice would have been drowned out in such attempts; it would have been wounded also, and would not have responded.

I also talked with Selika, heard her sing, heard her tell of her association with the famous divas of that day in Paris, in England. Lizzie Pugh had no such association. Her managers found it convenient to turn her into immediate gold; her husband, Dugan, found it convenient to turn her into immediate gold. Thus was she coined away, until she felt the exhaust on her life and attempted to supply the deficiency as so many do—by indulgence in intoxicants, which became a habit, and in the end she was unable to make good without the undue indulgence spoken of. She was an ignorant woman in the sense referred to. Some insist different, holding that she could read and write. Think of the assertion—could read and write. The ignorance spoken of is not of that kind—my meaning is gleaned through the above.

Furthermore, I am doing for her what has never been done. Her position in the song world has never been known. Many felt that she was an ordinary one-horse singer, because her opportunities were one-horse; and had they been better, the woman would have perhaps fared no better, owing to the chances of a Negro singer of worth. Look at Selika, the most cultivated of them all—a great artist, in the world sense—with all of the requirements, finally reduced to want. However, from her throat bursted no note like that from the throat of our Dugan. Only "Black Patti" is making it as a songstress, pure and simple; even she can not under the circumstances maintain the place her reputation calls for. Her fault is pardonable in view of what she was. The exaction on her nature may have driven her to excess. The writer is not influenced by the fact; he only sees the singer, holding her to be all said of her—one of the rarest gifted women that ever lived.

MT. VERNON (IND.) TEAM PLAY EVANSVILLE.

The Mt. Vernon team crossed bats with Evansville Sunday. About 35 went over to Evansville with the boys. Clyd Johnson, catcher; Geo. Tolbert, pitcher; John McElroy, first base; Eugene Harris, second base; Alfred Hughes, short stop; Robert Harris, third base; David Harper, left field; Arthur Thomas, right field; Esley Caldwell, center field. Rob Harris and Clyde Johnson made home runs. The score was 6 to 5 in favor of Evansville. Prof. Geo. Tompkins is manager of the team.

NEW YORKS DROP ONE TO ATKINS.

The much-touted New York Giants failed to make good in their game with the hard-hitting Atkins team last Sunday. For the first few innings of the contest the fray looked like a cinch for the colored men from the East. The Atkins team got to Wade, of the Giants, in the latter part of the game and drove him to the "dugout." Carston was substituted, and fared but little better. The score follows:

													R.	H.	E.
Giants	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	9	4
Atkins	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	6	14	6

Batteries—Wade, Follis and Carston for the Giants; Milan, Schiffel and Cook for the Atkins.

LELAND GIANTS LOSE TO LOGAN SQUARES.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Special.—The Leland Giants lost the first game in the Chicago League, Sunday, at Callahan's grounds, after returning from their big string of victories in the South. The following was the score:

Logan Squares	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	*	8
Leland Giants	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	7

Two-base hits—Gatewood, Halsman. Double play—Ball and Harris. Struck out—By Torey, 2; by Gatewood, 5. Bases on balls—Off Torey, 4; off Gatewood, 5. Umpire—Fitzpatrick.

They will open their grounds at Auburn Park to-morrow, having again the Logan Squares as their opponents. It will be a big day for the fans.

BASEBALL AT LOUISVILLE.

By Jesse Palmer.

The Louisville Cubs won another game Sunday, May 2. The Royals of Cincinnati were the victims. The boys from Cincy put up a strong game, but they never had a chance to win. The Cubs took the lead in the first inning by making six runs and clinched the game by making two more in the fourth. The battery work of West and Mitchel was splendid. Briscoe's running catch was the feature of the game. Score:

Royals	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Cubs	6	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0

Battery for Royals: Lindsey, Saal.

Batteries for Cubs: West, Mitchel.

Errors—Cubs, 4; Royals, 4. Hits—Cubs, 10; Royals, 5. Two-base Hits—West, Robinson, Watson. Three-base Hit—Briscoe. Bases on Balls—Off Lindsey, 4; Off West, 1. Struck out by West, 6; Lindsey, 2. Time of game—One hour and fifty minutes. Attendance—1100. Umpire—Nutter.

Saturday, Sunday, May 8 and 9, the strong Indianapolis White Sox play return games at Cubs Park.

NOTES OF THE GAME.

Collins put up his usual good game at first.

That running catch of Briscoe's was a beauty.

Watson played a nice game at third and accepted three chances.

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The ghost walks regularly for the boys and everybody's happy.

Wallace seems to have struck his gate at second. That's right, old boy, keep in the game.

Robinson and Martin had little to do but take care of everything that came their way.

Captain Booker had his eye on the ball Sunday. Four times up; four hits. Guess that's going some!

Manager Stringer says that games is all he wants, and with the good feeling and harmony that exists among the players, his wants will be gratified.

West pitched a splendid game, holding the Royals down to five hits. Struck out six and when men were on bases would tighten up, and the batters were hopeless before his curves.

Mitchel caught a great game Sunday and his throwing to bases was perfect. Do you know that no one has stolen a base on Mitchel in two games. Eight have tried to steal second and all have been found guilty.

SEKITAN, OHIO.

Special to The Freeman.

William Anderson, special marshal for the village of Sekitan, died at the Jewish hospital Tuesday, April 20th, at 4:30 o'clock, while undergoing an operation. Mr. Anderson had been suffering for considerable time from the effects of disease, but his unexpected death came as a shock to the residents of Sekitan. The deceased was born May 1, 1875, in Owen county, Kentucky, and died April 20, 1909. eH was thirty-three years, eleven months and fifteen days old. eH had been a resident of Sekitan for the past eighteen years. Rev. J. H. Brooks, of the C. M. E. Church conducted the funeral services. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dudley, of Delhi. The funeral was held at the City Hall in the Odd Fellows rooms. On the rostrum was seated Dr. J. M. Dillard, mayor; Rev. H. J. Scott, pastor of the Methodist Episcopalian Church (white); Rev. W. H. Lewis, of Delhi; Rev. S. D. Saunders, D. D., of the First Baptist Church, the evangelist; Mrs. M. J. Brannon, Rev. W. H. Blackburn, of Delhi; Rev. Watkins. Rev. Baitey gave remarks taking for his subject "Prayer as the Key of Faith." Mrs. M. J. Brannon also gave remarks at the funeral, taking for her subject "The Principle of Right Living in a Community." Rev. Brooks took for his theme "Set Thine House in Order for Thous Shalt Die and Not Live," II Kings, 20:1. The sermon was very impressive and well illustrated from a pure theological standpoint. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity. The members of the John Brown Club and the members of the Magnolia Club formed a line of march at 2:30 at the City Hall and marched south on Cincinnati avenue to the residence accompanied by Reed's Band, led by Professor Cassidy of Cincinnati, and W. H. Brannon, deputy marshal. As the remains were taken from the house and placed in the hearse the band played "Nearer My God to Thee." The funeral procession then marched back to the City Hall. Mrs. M. E. Payne and Mrs. Mollie Ragland had charge of the decorating of the rooms. On the left side of the rostrum was a cross drapped in a black wreath and on the right side was a gilt heart surrounded by a magnificent cluster of roses and ferns. The body was set in the middle. Mr. Anderson had been in the employ of Rudisell & Johnson as special marshal and extra bartender, and his manner of conducting affairs gained for him the respect, friendship and confidence of his employers and friends. William Anderson stood among his friends and associates as a leader in the community, always ready and willing to do the things most beneficial to mankind. He held the position of general secretary of the Magnolia Club and had always been loyal to the cause, and his efficient service will be long felt in the community. Mr. Henry Fitch, uncle of the deceased, and Mr. Geo. Woodson, president of the Magnolia Club, had charge of the funeral arrangements, which was one of the best directed funerals and largest ever held in the village of Sekitan...Rev. Mrs. M. J. Brannon, the evangelist, is at present filling an engagement every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church... Rev. J. H. Brooks, D. D., of the C. M. E. Church, has been extended an invitation to conduct a series of lectures at the White Methodist Church, Rev. J. H. Scott, D. D., pastor...Mr. Aaron Johnson, who has has been conducting the barbershop at the Magnolia cafe and dance hall, has accepted the position as special officer, to succeed the late William Anderson...Rev. Williams (white), of High street, occupied the pulpit Sunday evening at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Williams delivered a good, practical sermon, taking for his subject Luke xxiv:23, "Father Forgive Them, for They Know Not What They Do."

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Special to The Freeman.

George Rideout was in Columbus Monday on business...The will of the late day on business...By the will of the late Reelia Hall her husband is given the property on Mt. Pleasant street for life, when it then goes to her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Simmons in fee simple. If, however, the daughter ever fails to take good care of Paris Hall during his lifetime she is to lose the property and it will be divided equally between a son, Remus Duff, and a sister of deceased, Alice Day...A. H. Berry is able to be out after a few days' illness...Allie Campbell, of Baltimore, Md., is the guest of Mrs. G. Tansmore, of Hine street...Mrs. A. Harper and daughter will spend a few days in Cleveland...Lousie Jackson, of Girard, is able to be about after an attack of scarlet fever...William Saunders will have his skating parties at Avon Park in the future as the skating season is over at the Auditorium Rink, and he will open his first party Monday evening, April 10, with a grand mask...Mrs. Gains Williams, Mrs. Josephine Finney and Miss Roddie Holmes are able to be out...Mrs. Parson, Mrs. Mayfield, Miss McConneaughey, Mrs. Dr. Pettiford and Mrs. Gaither are on the sick list...Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Dudley were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Berry while playing in the city last week. ...The Chrysanthemum Club met at Mrs. James Saunders Monday afternoon...Mrs. George Young and E. Yancy are ill... Mrs. Edmonton, of Bellar, O., is the guest of her daughter, Miss McConneaughey... The Tabernacle Baptist Church are holding a very successful revival. They have had five converts...The entertainment held in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Cromwell, 714 West Federal street, Tuesday evening by the members of the Woman's Progressive Club, was fell attended and proved to be a grand success in every phase. A neat sum was realized which will be added to the clubs' treasure...The opening of the new club parlors of Buckeye Lodge No. 73, I. B. O. E. of W., in their new quarters, 269½ West Federal street, Wednesday evening, was well attended and proved to be a grand success in every phase. Dr. C. A. Pettiford, P. E. R., gave the welcome address and music and remarks were made by members of the order. At 11 o'clock refreshments were served to all present... The membtrs of Louise Edwards' Court, No. 30, met in their lodge rooms, 123 West Federal street Wednesday evening in regular session and the meeting was well attended. Business of importance was transacted during the session and a number of committees made their reports which were received.

SPOKANE, WASH.

Special to The Freeman.

The Young People's Christian Endeavor of Bethel A. M. E. Church had their first annual banquet on the 26th in the church. There were about fifty present. After the banquet the Endeavors were called to order by Miss Clifford Freeman and the program was taken up. The first was a paper by Miss Ruth Freeman, "Young People's Place in Church;" "Ambition," by Miss Myrtle Dosey; a beautiful duet by the Freeman sisters; paper, "Forty-four Years of Progress of the American Negro," by Leo Pearce, after which the paper was discussed by the audience.... P. L. Colwell, M. C. Walker and H. Bryant are among the new arrivals in the city.

CENTERVILLE, LA.

Special to The Freeman.

Nathan Osborne was accidently injured in the Baldwin Lumber Co. swamp last Thursday, but is recovering.

ROUTE.

McCABE'S MINSTRELS—Taylor, Wis., May 8, 9; Blair, 10, 11; Galesville, 12, 13; Trenipealeau, 14, 15, 16.

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS—Tacoma, Wash, May 9; Roslyn, 10; Cle Elum, 11; Ellensburg, 13; Yakima, 13; Sprague, 14; Lewiston, 15.

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Gentlemen's List.

Beecher, I. W.
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Haglin, John
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Mikell, Prof. E. F.
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Notes of Racial Progress.

Leagues have recently been organized at Jacksonville, Brownsville and Dyerburg, Tenn., by the organizer, while the one at Memphis has been reorganized upon a basis which gives a reasonable assurance that in the future it will be a potent factor in the material and commercial activities of the Negro in business in that busy, hustling mart.

The colored citizens of Franklin, Tenn., are truly in prosperous and well-to-do circumstances, notwithstanding the smallness of the place (about 2,500 population, of both races). The majority of them are but ordinary day laborers, yet there seems to be a craze among them to own a home, no matter how small; and not a few of them are nice cottages, furnished with modern improvements.

The North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association, one of the leading life insurance companies, under Negro management, headquarters at Durham, N. C., will soon erect a brick and stone structure in Columbia, S. C., one the northwest corner of Park and Washington streets.

This building means that the company intends to make Columbia the headquarters for its business in South Carolina. The structure will be two or three stories in height, and modern in every particular.

The Durham (N. C.) Daily Sun (white), in its issue of March 13, says that a meeting of the colored citizens was held last night, at which an organization was formed that places them, as business men, in the very forefront of colored leaders of the South.

It furthermore adds that: "The organization is the Colored Business Men's League. Thirty of the leading colored men of the city met and organized this league. The object of this organization is to increase the business spirit among the colored people, and to pull together for any enterprise that will build up Durham.

"Officers were elected as follows: W. G. Pearson, president; C. C. Spaulding, vice-president; G. W. Adams, recording secretary; P. W. Dawkins, corresponding secretary, and John H. Allen, treasurer.

"Executive committee, Dr. J. L. Warren, chairman; Dr. J. A. Dodson, J. C. Scarboro, Dr. A. M. Moore, Dr. J. E. Shepard, W. S. Young, John W. O'Daniel and John Merrick."

The Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., LL. D., secretary and treasurer of the National Baptist Publishing Board, has recently compiled and published in book form "The Legislative Enactments of Fourteen Southern States, Pertaining to the Separate Car Laws," together with "The Report and Order of the Interstate Commerce Commission to Segregate Negro or 'Colored' Passengers on Railroad Trains and in Railroad Stations." The little volume, neatly and carefully compiled, consists of 67 pages, vest-pocket edition size, price 25 cents. It can be obtained by writing and sending the cost of the book to the author and publisher, Nashville, Tenn.

It is needless to add that the volume should be in possession of every Negro who can read and who travels, that he may be informed as to whether or not these "jim crow" enactments are being complied with on the common carriers. If not, then report the discrimination or violation to the proper authorities.

The following interesting piece of news is to be found in the columns of the Daily Telegram (white), Greensboro, N. C., of the 1st instant:

"An enthusiastic meeting of the Colored Business Men's League was held last night in the office of the Greensboro Real Estate Emporium, 209 East Market street, for the consideration of the proposed establishment here of the Negro Ministerial Training School, which is to be established in the State of North Carolina. About sixty members of the league and friends were present.

"Garland Daniel, after being introduced by Lawyer Mitchell as one of the most enterprising and public-spirited citizens of Greensboro, and one who has always proven himself a sincere friend to the colored race, responded with a splendid and highly beneficial address. Following the address of Mr. Daniel speeches were made by Dr. J. E. Dellinger, President Dudley, Rev. J. W. Walker, E. A. Adkins, Prof. John H. Edwell, T. D. Ware, H. F. Fuller, R. S. Alexander, Smith Garrett and others. A call for cash subscriptions to the proposed institution was heartily responded to, to the amount of $1,600. In addition to this amount Mr. Daniel subscribed property to the value of $7,750 as a proposed site for the institution. The proposed site is highly elevated, overlooking the city of Greensboro and surrounding country. The meeting adjourned until next Tuesday night, when the aforesaid subscription will be largely increased. The proposed Negro Central Carolina Fair Association will also be taken up at this meeting."

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

An event of great importance to the colored people of this city was the organization of colored waiters last month by the International Union. The local is composed of the best known and the most popular members of the craft, and numbers about thirty-five members. The officers are: Philip Hale, president; Henry Lee, vice-president; Luke Tichenor, treasurer; William Stirman, financial secretary; D. E. Beasley, chaplain; Albert Moss, inspector; Edward Boyd, inner guard; Harry Kimbrough, Len Oliver and Walter Dodson, trustees. George Holbert was elected delegate to the national convention, to be seld in this city the week of May 10, and will be one of three colored delegates who will represent different union organizations. Much credit is due the general organizer, Emanuel Koveleski, for his untiring efforts that brought this new colored local into life.

PENCILINGS.

Marion Crawford, the novelist, who recently died in Italy, was favored of the gods, one may say, when it comes to opportunity for education. His biography along that line is as interesting as a romance. He was born under the most favorable auspices in Italy, of well-to-do parents, who saw to it that facilities were not wanting in carrying out the scheme for his education. And vast as that scheme was, and comprehensive, it was but the beginning of the education and accomplishments, linguistic and otherwise, that he acquired under his own inquisitive mind's direction.

Marion Crawford needed a Boswell to jot him down much more than Samuel Johnson did. Johnson moved in a little circle about Great Britain among a coterie of choice literary spirits, including Oliver Goldsmith, yet Boswell gave the world one of the best books of that day, and which is yet read. Boswell was devoted to the big-minded Johnson, of whom it is said spoke with childish simplicity, but when he wrote was nearly outlandish in his great words and lumbersome expressions. He was England's first great "lexicographer." The term lexicographer is good, as applied strong is his writings punctuated with the high-sounding and grandiose that the rhetoricians made literary virtue of his faults, entering his style as highly florid—"Johnsonian."

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Knowing the sleuth-like delight that Boswell took in jotting down everything Johnson did, and with what success in the meagre field, it does seem a pity that such authors as Marion Crawford, moving in a vaster theater, do not have the same attention paid them, to have set down the little incidents in their lives. The world is acquainted with the leading facts of the greater characters; it wants to know of the incidents that they met up with and the influences that moved them. The curiously curious show an interest in Shelley, Poe and Byron—want to know even to their love intrigues—the minutest of them, and with a zest that is voracious. The less curious are also interested to a less degree in all that the great may do. Even the successful prize-fighter is a thing of interest until he is eclipsed by a new luminary.

The literary student will have cause to think of some of these things when pondering over that immense intellectual scope encompassed by Marion Crawford and his varied experience when chasing the gods of intellectualism from throne to throne. It has seldom fallen the lot of man to have had such a career. He attended the best schools of the world, learned his principal languages in them. True enough, he was not a writer in the sense of most of the individuals mentioned; he belonged to that decorus order that seems to have made it a point to avoid the social crochets, those who were from all accounts rigidly regular in their deportment, like Longfellow, who was a poet as the others mentioned were, excepting, possibly, Samuel Johnson. Had Crawford been poet, and pity that he was not(more than likely he would have appealed more, as poets do when not too staid and correct. Staidness and correctness are not thought of as poetic attributes nor the poet's tests, but it does appear that the Bohemian, when poet, is the poet of the heart. The people are touched when the writer touches on their chords; they thrill and vibrate in response. They are in unison with the singer because he sings songs they know about and understand. The erudite Longfellow was a professor at Harvard. He is steeped in scholasticism, which, when reduced to its lower terms, means coldness. His "Hiawatha" is loved because he comes down to the human heart in language that needs no interpretation; tells of love, birth, wooing, friendship, hate, peace, death, among a people of the wilds so similar to those phases of life known to the great majority, wheresoever. But Burns dwelt always with the humanities, the little humanities. So when we read the "Cotter's Saturday Night" a smile or tear is provoked in conscious attest, or perhaps we throw the book away and exclaim "God! God!" in very delirium because of the common knowledge.

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Born amid the splendid ruins of the old world's greatness, amid all of those things of which poets race—sky, sea and the treasures of art in its multiplicity of forms—it is indeed strange that an individual thus happily environed did not take up with the muse. The world is long on prose writers; it has but few to take up where the great poet left off. Such a splendid field! How it was neglected, turned down, leaving America with no great priest of poesy to keep the flag from trailing in the dust. Byron, Shelley, Keats and the poetic world in general rested neither night nor day until they had put themselves under the influence of Italy, of Greece, of that middle sea, as George Elliott loved to call it, and where Swineburne went and where poor, poor Ouida died amid her dogs. Wretched thought! Where were the millions that recked her high priestess of her cult, those that laughed and wept with her? In the language of Marc Antony, I must pause here. And to think the world has nothing to say, no more than if Ouidas were born every day. Poor old woman, your foibles and heterdox notion of society were all right in your heydey, in your prime, in your youth, when the gods of beauty, wit and intellectualism, that formidable trinity of circumstances, gave you eclat. Men and gold rolled at your feet; women tolerated your views, which, after all, mayhaps, were more in token of liberty than endorsement of the practice. But your art was constant in the wooing until experiences came of which you never dreamed, finally dealing you a fate when powerless to save. Old age and decrepitude were the abominations, more than her liberal views of life, going to show the hollow practice and wairly mockery in the world.

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Such a land, of the citron, the purple grape, where riches are in tumult, the historic St. Peter's, to whose gates pilgrims as to mecca hie, and with lips impress the sculptured toe of that church's first prince, as Islam makes smooth his Caoba. Mr. Crawford should have been a poet; how did he escape being a poet? Perhaps, like many another child, who to great riches born, views with but little concern what nature and man has wrought for him. He was in that monotony of light, no shadows to give perspective or relief or to remind him of conditions not his own. Had he been a poet, I suspect he would have been a Tennyson, a Longfellow, an Arnold or some of that immortal set that dwelt perpetually on Olympus, singing for the few, while the many would scarcely know of their fairly meaningless notes. He had no touch of the two conditions of sorrow, as well as the one he knew to alternately play, making his heart mellow and sympathetic for life in any form. He did not have the contrarieties. But he could have been another Longfellow, a Bryant, greater than either because of the richer experiences.

W. L.

VISITING DELEGATIONS OF NEGROES.

A vast difference between delegations of Negroes visiting Washington or elsewhere in these days on political missions. Formerly the Negro who felt important enough at his home—some "village Hampden"—raked and scraped up enough to make it to Washington, where he avowed to do or die. In most cases he did not do, but found himself high and dry on the beach as a yesterday's mackerel as to finance, when friends clubbed their money to get him home—sader and wiser. In these days private cars, ample funds and the rest of it are in evidence. And the beauty of it all is that the modern junketer goes in behalf of some one else, some one at home, perhaps, and who is counted deserving. Out of the condition grows the thought that colored men are being engaged in paying pursuits, where they do not need to look to politics or political parties for so much consideration as they formerly did. This thought and fact, that the political situation is being simplified, especially in the South, where simplification is most needed.

The prize of political favor has been held too high in the past. For some reason the race had a penchant for politics, placing it before the church. And when we say church, everything else is included. White men saw their utmost hope in the counting-room, the bank, large commercial pursuits, in architecture, in building, in science, in art. We, the race, saw the utmost hope, the greater self, in the swirl of politics. It is true that eminent white men have taken place in the ranks of the politicians, but it was in accord with the rule—some in this, that and the other, as if in obedience to a law of dispersion, and in consequence of which politics claims its own. It was different with the race, the most of whom thought that beyond the realm of politics nothing was doing.

Happily the day is far spent when a Negro must be a political luminary to attract attention. Those avocations that call white men, including the call of the church, are instances very much to be preferred when we view the situation rightly. Eminence and money come with greater speed through most of the other callings when pursued in the right manner. A certain kind of glamor is around and about politics, arising from the fact of the evidence of men. That is, there are men born to shine, to stand in the limelight, to be seen of others, and while this, perhaps, should not be even generally applied, yet it is a fact that many politicians are so, because they feel to shine, to general men—in peace, at any rate. Then comes that salient truth that the generalship idea included in the business is what Southern white men protested. It is very plain, the result of the former race relation. This truth, the greatest factof in the political unpleasantness, is seldom presented as a cause in itself. It doubtless is recognized and understood, and we may say studiously avoided by either race. It is an ugly truth; men do not like to think of it. The point is presented mereiy as an outgrowth of the discussion, showing up a peculiarity, and which peculiarity operates against colored men, as nothing in any other calling does. It calls for the mastering of men a thing not any too well liked under the best of circumstances. The big boy in a little school rebels even at the teacher's authority, no matter how righteously exerted.

Then again it's an excellent sign when colored men take only to politics incidentally as white men do, and with no more fervor, with the same caution and precaution. The thoughtless is likely to think the condition filled, more than filled, since in most parts the white men are greatest in evidence. They fail to take in the whole proposition. The other conditions have not been complied with. The banks, the commercial pursuits, the professions and the thousand callings have not their quota, including the farm. And while white men may eagerly seize opportunity to justify their action, yet we will not get away from the fact that they have had cause for action by the law of representation, which properly is more than numbers. Again, we say the situation is being righted by white men, who protest, and by Negroes, who act. Between the two, life civilly is promised at its best. When we own a few shares of railroad stock Jim-Crowing will not be so popular, is a truth that escapes also out of the discussion. The "Open Sesame" is money, is wealth, on which this nation is predicated, and most other nations. The delegations calling at Washington may not get what they want by way of office, but they will not be greatly disturbed; they can get back home on the change they have in thetir pockets.

Abdul Hamid II is among the Ex's. The young blood of Turkey demanded new life for the empire. The old Sultan was wedded to his idol and could not join the procession of progression that is being manifest around the globe. It is very doubtful if the ancient customs known and practiced by the deposed ruler will be adopted by the new Sultan, Mohammed Reshad Effendi, with their inervating influences. He looks every inch a ruler, and apparently wont have any time for monarchial frills—"pink teas" and the rest of it. He evidently knows what the new Turk expects of him, what Europe and civilization expect of him. He seems prepared to deliver.

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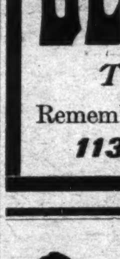

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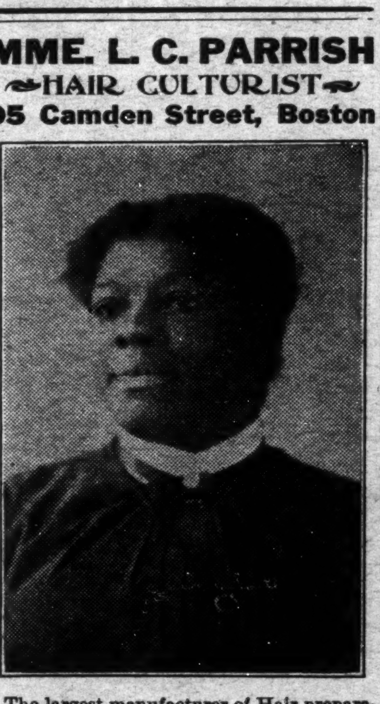

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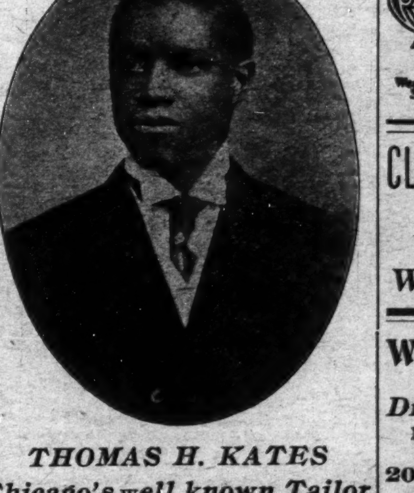

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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

SCRAPS FROM THE SPORTING WORLD

By HARRY W. JACKSON.

Wilberforce University will play Cedarville May 15.

Young Corbett is going after the title again. Will he get it?

Though Jeffries has said "yes," there are but few who don't question his sincerity.

A player uses poor judgment to sacrifice when a man is on second base and there are two out.

The $10,000 Marathon will be run to-day at New York to decide once and for all the championship of the world.

James J. Corbett says Johnson is a "lemon." But don't you think it will take more than Jim Jeffries to squeeze him?

The following is the lineup of the Marianna (Fla.) Giants, which have just been organized: Byrd, lf; Watson, cf; Brown, rf; King, 3b; Dorsey, 2b; Hayes, 1b; Baker, ss; Pittman, p, and Wynn, c. R. Pinder is manager.

LANGFORD AND FERGUSON DRAW

BOSTON, Mass.—The twelve-round bout between Sam Langford and Sandy Ferguson was declared a draw by Referee Eugene Buckley, the 27th. The contest took place at the Armory before a record-breaking attendance of members, and, while the majority approved the referee's finding, there were several who maintained that Langford was entitled to the award.

MARATHON AT DENVER.

DENVER, Colo.—A Marathon race which will decide the amateur inter-mountain championship over the classic distance will be held at the Union Park track here May 15. The race will be held under the sanction of the A. A. U., and entries have already been received from Chicago and St. Louis, Kansas City and Salt Lake athletes.

THE WORLD'S CHAMPS.

Baseball—Chicago Cubs.
Football—Pennsylvania.
Wrestling—Frank Gotch.
Boxing—Jack Johnson.
Swimming (ladies)—Annette Kellerman.
Auto (Vanderbilt)—Robertson.
Auto (International)—Wagner.
Pool—Cowboy Weston.
Driver (harness racing)—Alonzo McDonald.
Jockey—V. Powers.
Marathon (amateur)—Hayes.
Marathon (professional)—St. Yves.
Bowler—A. Wrengler, Chicago.
Shooter (rapid firing)—Harry Harrison, Rochester.
Greatest All-round Athlete—Martin Sheridan.
Billiards—Hoppe.

GOLDFIELD WANTS FIGHT.

Would Offer $50,000 for Johnson-Jeffries Bout.

GOLDFIELD, Nev.—At a mass meeting last week 1,000 citizens decided that Goldfield should offer $50,000 for a fight between Jack Johnson and James J. Jeffries, to take place in the latter part of September, during the session of the mining congress.

Before the meeting adjourned $40,000 of the amount had been pledged, and the further decision reached that should $50,000 prove too small a purse to attract the big fighters, any sum within reason would be offered.

When the subscription list is completed a formal offer will be made to the fighters.

NELSON REFUSES TO MEET PACKEY M'FARLAND

Says Harry Gillmore, Manager of the Stockyard Fighter, "Butting In" Is His Reason.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Battling Nelson has called off his fight with Packey McFarland, which was to have taken place at Colma on July 5. He declares that he has done so because of the "butting in" of Harry Gilmore, McFarland's manager. According to the battler, McFarland can not make 133 pounds ringside, and that is what he will have to do before the champion will give him a match. Nelson declares he will now arrange to take on Cyclone Johnny Thompson, Dick Hyland and Leach Cross before McFarland will be given a chance, and that he will be extremely lucky if he ever gets a match.

LELAND GIANTS AT HOME.

Have Been in the South for Several Weeks Playing Winning Ball.

CHICAGO, Ill.—The famous Leland Gians made their first local appearance this year Sunday against Jimmy Callahan's Logan Squares, the contest being the first one at Callahan's Park in the league, and also the colored team's first shot for the local championship. The Lelands, who have the same lineup as last year, with Gatewood added to the pitching staff, are said by Manager Leland to be stronger than ever in their history.

For several weeks the colored boys have been barnstorming through the South, and are ready for a hard battle against the other teams in the Chicago league. Walter Ball is said to be vastly improved over his old form, although he showed high class toward the end of last season. During the winter he has been pitching in the Cuban league, and he has picked up a lot of new curves that are expected to make him the equal of "Rube" Foster, who has wintered in Chicago and lacks midseason form so far.

DANCING BY THE MILE.

How many invitations to dances are you likely to receive this year? Ten? Twenty? Well, here are some statistics that may interest you.

According to a well-known professor of dancing, six and a half hours is time enough to become complete master of the ordinary waltz, with the reversing movement. It should be danced to very slow music, and in the three steps which go to each bar a distance of 25 feet 6 inches should be traversed. The speed should be 44 bars of music a minute, involving 132 movements of the feet and 22 complete revolutions of the dacing couple. The duration of a dance should not exceed six minutes. The pupil should be proficient after about 65 trials, involving 17,160 bars of music, 51,480 steps, 8,580 turns, and a total distance of seven miles.

Only an hour and forty-five minutes is necessary to acquire the mazurka. It needs 14,490 steps, 1,207 turns and two miles of dancing.

The polka is another easy dance. It needs 28 practice dances of four minutes each to bring perfection. This means 9,200 steps, 2,300 revolutions, and a distance of about two and a half miles.

"TERRIBLE" SAM CROSSES BIG POND FOR ENGLAND

Langford, Accompanied by His Manager, Joe Woodman, Has Left America to Hunt Game.

NEW YORK.—On board of the big German liner Deutschland, which sailed the 29th, were Sam Langford and his manager, Joe Woodman, en route to England, where the big Boston Negro will clash with Ian Hague, the newly discovered British heavyweight champion, on Derby day. Langford was in excellent fettle, and indicated that he believed he not only would clean up Hague in quick style, but hoped to get a match in Paris before he returned, for a big purse.

Langford left the proposed match with Stanley Ketchel still in the air. He declares that Ketchel has been offered $10,000, win, lose or draw, for the bout, while he has been offered only $3,500. Langford and his manager will hold out for $5,000, and if they can not get that amount will steer clear of Ketchel and pick up the easy money in France, England and possibly Australia, as they are to have a talk with McIntosh in London.

Fellow-passengers with Langford were Jimmy Walsh and his manager. Walsh is to meet Digger Stanley, the British bantam, at the National Sporting Club, on May 17, for the British bantamweight title, a purse of $2,500 and a side bet of $500.

THE WALSH BOXING BILL.

Chicago May Have Six-Round, No-Decision Bouts—Six-Ounce Gloves to Be Required.

CHICAGO, April 28.—Frenzied activity among the pugilists is the result of news from Springfield that the Walsh boxing bill has been favorably reported to the House. If it passes it is expected that the fighting game will once more hold sway in Chicago.

Six-round bouts are provided for in the bill, and so far there has been no opposition manifest. Decisions are barred, and the fashion in which the ring is to be padded is defined. The sale or gift of intoxicating liquors at any place where a bout is held is prohibited, and six-ounce gloves are required.

There is one clause in the measure, however, which may or may not be the "joker." This is a paragraph confining the sport to "established" clubs or societies. Whether this means clubs already established or those which may be formed hereafter is not stated.

In case it simply means organization is necessary, every handball cuort in Chicago and every hall where a line of seats can be put up is apt to become the headquarters of a club.

Passage of the bill will mean a sudden shift in the plans of many boxers, who have been confining their operations to the two coasts of late. McFarland and Nelson could probably draw as much money here as on the Pacific coast, and a bout here may be arranged in case they can transfer the go from Coffroth's club.

A. B. C.'S DIVIDED WITH DANVILLE (ILL.) UNIONS

"Ranites" Win First Game, but Visitors Take Second by a Score of 7 to 5, with S. Johnson in the Box.

Five hundred fans saw the A. B. C.'s and the Danville (Ill.) Unions break even in a double header Sunday afternoon at Northwestern Park. Talbott pitched the first game and won it by a score of 5 to 2. Talbott the visitors four taps and made several good plays. While the "Ranites" made five runs the Illinois boys were credited to the same number of errors, which accounted for their poor showing. Talbott fanned eight men and walked but one.

"Griff" pitched the second game, but couldn't win. L. Johnson pitched for the Unions and seized the game by a score of 7 to 5. Johnson is an old A. B. C. star and worked earnestly to show the locals that he was as strong against them as he was when with them. The Unions found "Grift" for seven hits, but the little pitcher, with the smile, never lost his head. With five errors marked against the visitors the localites should have won this game. The A. B. C.'s played good ball, but luck was against them in the second game. Only four times did the home boys misjudge the sphere, while the visitors lost heads on ten different occasions.

Lolla played first base and held it down without a single bad play, while his opponent lost his grip for more errors than the A. B. C.'s made in both games. The games at the park are now beginning to take on class and the "Ranites" are determined to hold their own with all comers.

FIRST GAME.

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Merida, 2d b	1	1	12	0	0
Shawir, l. f	0	0	1	0	0
Herron, c. f	0	0	1	0	0
Hutchson, s. s	1	1	0	2	0
Lolla, 1st b	1	1	7	0	0
Griffin, 2d b	0	1	1	0	0
Davis, r. f	0	1	1	0	0
Talbott, p	1	1	1	1	0
Totals	5	6	27	6	1

Danville	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Woods, l. f	1	3	0	0	0
Bradley, r. f., p	0	1	0	1	0
Mitchell, 2d b	0	0	0	1	0
Goliah, 3d b	0	0	1	4	[illegible]
Bryson, s. s	0	0	3	3	[illegible]
Johnson, 1st b	0	0	11	0	[illegible]
Lee, c. f	0	0	2	0	[illegible]
Nolan, c	1	0	5	1	[illegible]
M. Johnson, p	0	0	1	0	0
Brown, r. f	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	2	4	24	11	5

A. B. C....1 0 1 0 2 1 0 0 *—5
Danville ..1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—2

Innings pitched—Talbott, 9; Johnson, 6; Bradley, 3. Hits—Off Talbott, 4; off Johnson, 5; off Bradley, 1. Bases on balls—Off Talbott, 1; off Johnson, 2. Struck out—By Talbott, 8; by Johnson, 2. Wild pitches—Johnson, 2. Two-base hits—Lolla, Merida. Three-base hit—Woods. Double play—Bryson to G. Johnson. Stolen bases—Merida 2, Lolla, Herron, Griffin. Passed balls—Nolan, 3. Umpire—Adams. Time—2:15. Attendance—500.

SECOND GAME.

A. B. C.'s	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Allen, 3d b	1	1	0	3	1
Merida, 2d b., c	1	0	2	2	0
Shawir, l. f	0	0	1	0	0
Herron, c. f	1	0	4	0	0
Hutchson, s. s	1	1	1	4	1
Lolla, 1st b	0	0	13	0	0
Griffin, p	1	0	1	3	0
Davis, r. f., 2d b	0	1	3	1	1
Jones, c	0	1	2	1	0
Highbee, r. f	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	5	5	27	14	3

Danville	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Woods, l. f	0	0	2	0	0
Bradley, r. f	0	0	2	0	1
Mitchell, 2d b	1	1	2	5	0
Goliah, 3d b	1	0	1	1	0
Bryson, s. s	1	1	1	1	0
G. Johnson, 1st b	1	1	10	0	3
Lee, c. f	2	1	1	0	0
Nolan, c	1	1	8	0	1
L. Johnson, p	0	2	0	5	0
Totals	7	7	27	12	5

A. B. C.'s..2 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 1—5
Danville ..0 2 0 0 0 5 0 0 0—7

Innings pitched—Griffin, 9; Johnson, 9. Hits—Off Griffin, 7; off Johnson, 5. Bases on balls—Off Griffin, 1; off Johnson, 4. Struck out—By Griffin, 2; Johnson, 4. Two-base hits—Hutchinson, Davis, Mitchell. Three-base hits—Lee. Stolen bases—Allen 3. Griffin, Davis 2, Herron. Passed ball—Nolan. Umpire—Adams. Time—2 hours. Attendance—500.

"OUR" OLD CANAL.

TO JAMES GARFIELD WALDEN.

[Note.—The following lines were written in memory of the old canal at Indianapolis, where the boys of my youth spent many happy days fishing and swimming. Tom, Brown, Gus Hall, Billy McClain, Harry Fidler, "Rube" Shelton, 'Ras Jones, Homer Tutt and many others hold pleasant remembrance of the old stream.]

I've wandered to the old bridge, Jim,
And I've seen the old, old stream,
Where you and I in boyhood, dim
Dreamed youth's own sweet dream.

Remember where stood the big old oak?
With sunbeams shinning through;
It's fallen, alas, by the woodman's stroke,
And she wailed "Goodbye" to you.

The old swetch trestle is there yet, Jim,
When all the boys dived off to swim
Where from it we swung our feet,
For relief from the drowsy heat.

There's no place left where we might hide.
Fer Albright's shop is no more.
Poor "Madge" can't tramp along your side
And bark as he did of yore.

It's changed, old pard, Time has "cleaned up."
Fer reel, line and pole
There ain't a spot where boy or pup
Could find a swimmin' hole.

They've cut the fishin' all out, lad,
The law has fastened its bands,
And it seems to me so all-fired sad
To stand there with empty hands.

But yer dear old mother's waitin' yet
Fer you at supper time,
An' her eyes grow sad an' kind o' wet
When she spies a pole an' line.

I wonder how the kids who live
Around such a diggins', pal,
Can get along, and what they'd give
To have "our" old canal.
—Charles D. Marshall.

SHEFFIELD, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

THE FREEMAN will be on sale at J. H. Madden's ice cream parlor and at Will Johnson's barber shop....The B. Y. P. U. meets every Sunday morning at the First Baptist Church, at 11 a. m....The Young Men's Business League meets on Monday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall. It is doing nicely under the leadership of its president, E. H. Fields....The C. M. E. Church, under the management of its pastor, Rev. Bolding, is doing very nicely....The children's entertainment for the Sunshine Band was nicely attended last week at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Knowles. ....See D. W. Shoemaker for THE FREEMAN. He can be found at any time at Madden's parlor.

JOHN BROWN, OF OSAWATOMIE.

The Kansas City Journal is the source of the following information: That the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas has inaugurated a movement for the preservation of the Osawatomie battle ground, owing to the part that John Brown had in a battle fought there in 1856, when he sought to defend his State against the intrusion of Missourians who wanted to see slavery extended there. That same courage which fired his soul at Harper's Ferry was evidenced here, in Kansas, when, with a handful of men, so to speak, he menaced the progress of 500, and by his guerilla warfare tactics harrassed the intruders until they were forced to retire from the State. Says the Journal:

"These men under John Brown were defending an idea. Those who gave their lives became martyrs. 'The battle of Osawatomie,' wrote Ingalls, years later, 'was the most brilliant and most important episode in the Kansas war. It was the high divide of the contest. It was our Thermopylae and John Brown was our Leonidas with his Spartan band. It was evident that somebody was in earnest. But when Freedom recounts the sacrifices of her sons, she does not ask the number or rank of those who fell. Winkelried is as dear to her as Washington, and Osawatomie is as sacred as Bunker Hill."

The other service, if we may call it such, scarcely needs be mentioned by way of information. The world knows Harper's Ferry, and it knows it best because of John Brown. When one hears the name of that Federal stronghold the shade of old John Brown is immediately conjured forth, as if they were ordained twin associates. His act in itself must be classed in the harsh-sounding category of treasonable, and by the rules of a country that legalized or permitted, took cognizance of the institution, human slavery, and of course owing to these facts.

The act in the abstract was of that poetic justice where license may be taken without doing violence to the feeling of man when under the influence of the better angel of his nature. That is to say, no man will stand for the thing, slavery, if he himself is the subject. This being the case, John Brown's act may be also said to have been the act of God, since universal man sees nothing to condemn in it. Had he been a Negro striking in his own cause the unqualified glory would have been his. Fate, the same meted out to him, would have been as swift and as certain, but he would not stand attaint with striking at his country in the sense he now stands, since an individual striking for his own liberty is a hero in every tongue.

We feel that it is well to bear this in mind; not that the battle field should not be preserved or that he be not honored. The Negro heart, wherever, warms up at the mention of old John Brown. He reads the disastering exploit with chagrin—treasonable hearts? If so, make the most of it, as Patrick Henry had it. But no; by no mode of reason is it treason to strike, to think, to feel in the interest of liberty. Whatever else it may be, we do not know; but it is not treason. In the first place, treason suggests a country, citizenship. Brown Brown had them; the slaves did not. Let it end at that.

It is not generally known that Victor Hugo and other republicans of France at that day took interest in the John Brown case after he was apprehended, owing to the Harper's Ferry's episode. In view of what they held to be his martyrdom, they had struck a handsome gold medal, valued at $500, and sent it to his widow after his execution. On the face of the leather case of the medal is this inscription:

A la Veuve
De John Brown
Les
Republicains Francais.

Translated, this reads: "To the widow of John Brown, from the republicans of France."

On the face of the medal is a superb relief of Brown. On the reverse side is this inscription:

A La Memoire
De
John Brown
Assassine juridiquement a
Charlestown
Le 3 Decembre, 1859
Et a celle de ses fils et de ses
compagnons morts, victimes
de leur de devouement a la
cause de la liberte des noirs.

This, translated, is: "To the memory of John Brown, judicially assassinated at Charlestown the 2d of December, 1859, and to that of his sons and of his dead companions, victims of their devotion to the cause of liberty of the blacks."

The letter of condolence is extremely interesting, the first signature being that of Victor Hugo in his own handwriting. The letter runs (translated):

Paris, the 21st of Oct., 1874.

To Madam, Widow of John Brown:

Many years have passed away since the day when your noble husband completed the sacrifice of a life devoted to the most benevolent of causes.

From the gallows where he was hanged has gone forth this cry of universal indignation which has been the signal for the complete deliverance of a disinherited race. Honor to him and to his worthy sons, together with his widow. To the benedictions with which the present century follows their memory, those of the future centuries will add themselves. Such thoughts must produce, madam, a great alleviation of your grief; but you have claimed the best compensation for your afflictions from this superior mandate, that above the poor justice of men soars the supreme justice, which leaves no good action without its recompense, neither any crime without its punishment. You will also receive, we hope, with a feeling of solace, this witness of the sympathy of the French republicans, the expression of which would have arrived less tardily but for the long and cruel ordeals through which our unfortunate country has just passed. We beg you, madam, to accept the homage of our profound respect in the name of all their colleagues, the undersigned members of the committee on subscription.

(Signed) Victor Hugo, Eugene Collesay, Etienne Arago, Melville Boucourt, Ch. L. Chassin, L. Gornet, Louis Blans, Laurent-Richet, V. Schielchert.

This battle field of Osawatomie, which Ingalls designates "the high divide of the contest" in the affairs of Kansas, ought to be preserved. "To the benedictions," adds Hugo, "with which the present century follows their memory (Brown and his men), those of the future centuries will add themselves." The Woman's Relief Corps of Kansas is now trying to "add a benediction" to that "high divide." Its efforts should be successfully completed.

That there remains about the early walks of the sainted old man devotion in kind is very welcome intelligence to the Negroes, who have begun to think that none less than God was their friend. This thought, perhaps, is born of the toil and moil of life which is so contrary to the soft-grained Negro nature—not inured to the hardships and fierce competition which were the semblance of strife. Elsewhere, beyond the women of the Relief Corps of the Department of Kansas, may be others quietly abiding the time, seeing to it that the crux of cruel circumstance does not press too sore, and who will answer on the proper side at the proper time.

If we may think to know the feeling of the race, then we may say that it will be profoundly touched by what the women have in mind, for without the Negroes there could have been no John Brown known to fame.

Don't forget that College Heights is an established fact; it is not merely on paper. The beautiful addition to Guthrie is already platted, and with an eye single to the many advantages of modern cities. Oklahoma is strictly in favor at this time, and Guthrie, the capital, is the particular center of attraction. College Heights adjoins Guthrie. As Guthrie, so is College Heights. Get in on the ground floor. You take no chances.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The work of the Negro Business League is now in evidence. The League was organized February last and has been stimulating business interests ever since. We shall not stop until there are many and varied businesses here. Why not, our people run all kinds of businesses as do other people. That is the object of the National League—to foster and encourage business. Here we are broadening out, and before long we shall have the star business city. A colored shoe store opened for business May 7, at E. Capitol avenue, J. P. Roberts, manager. A furniture store was opened last week by colored men, and a department store is to be opened during the summer—the idea of the Business League. We have here a creditable millinery store run by colored ladies. A drug store is to be in operation here before the expiration of another year or maybe six months. A complete printing outfit is to be installed in six or eight months, and we are to have an industrial or a manual training school here. Bishop Osborne, of the Episcopal diocese, is pushing the enterprise and will b eco-operated by the best white people—this is needed.... The ladies have re-established the Court of Calanthe here and have a flourishing order...The Pythian order, the U. B. F. and S. M. T. are going to the front... We are organizing a Y. M. C. A. here and will conduct a series of lectures during the summer with the hope and determination of opening reading rooms in October and getting in line for regular Y. M. C. A. work. We hope for the co-operation of the associations over the country...The new city officers have started a campaign to improve Springfield morally and otherwise, which is a novelty. We hope them success....We have three lawyers, three doctors, real estate men and many business men here, all of whom are doing well. We invite business men and farmers to come here. Our city is better than ever before. We need more good progressive colored men. The field is good and the future propitious. We have good talent here for every line of work. Some colored men could come here and open a good restuarant and get rich...The Home Protective Association, a colored insurance and benefit association, is doing a good business here. The head office is in Hannibal, Mo. ...Bishop C. T. Shaffer, of the A. M. E. Church, preached here Sunday, May 9, at St. Paul and St. John churches...Major Otis B. Duncan was re-elected major of the 2nd Battalion, 8th Regiment Infantry I. N. G.

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

Miss Carrie Miller is visiting friends at Chicago.

Master Aaron Scott is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Josephine Phillips is ill at her home in Martindale avenue.

Rev. L. W. Ratliffe, of Portland, Ind., was in the city during the week.

John Puryear underwent a critical operation at the Ward Sanitarium Tuesday.

Mrs. Edward Scott and daughter Edna spent last Sunday at Chicago with Will Scott.

The Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. Alice Grysell in West Fourteenth street next Monday.

Miss Jessie Clay has returned to her home at New Albany after several weeks' visit in the city.

Miss Allie Beard has accepted a position with Dr. Edward Perkins in the new Odd Fellows block.

Major Gardner will represent the Elks of this city in the national meet of the Elks at Detroit in June.

Because of the illness of his daughter Loraine, Rev. G. H. Shaffer did not attend the Peace Congress at Chicago.

George Wilson of Milwaukee, manager of John Slaughter's business in that city, spent several days in the city this week.

Miss Arvada Brooks, formerly of Knightstown, was married in this city Monday to Valdomero Gouzales, a native Porto Rican. They will live in this city.

Miss Flossie Suell entertained about thirty friends Tuesday evening at her home, 438 Toledo street, in honor of her twenty-first birthday. She received a number of handsome presents.

Mrs. Lovise Jewett of Paris, Ky., well known in this city, where she has frequently visited Mrs. L. M. Hagood, was married recently to Dr. Perry, a prominent young physician of Lexington.

The Aesculopian Medical Society will hold a public meeting May 30. Short addresses will be made by Drs. W. E. Brown, A. J. King and James Puryear.

Mrs. Lucy Mitchell, who has been the guest of her niece, Mrs. Belle Davis, was called to Lebanon, Ky., suddenly this week on account of the death of her brother at that place.

The annual May festival was held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church from May 4 to 7. Proceeds from the festival will be used in carrying on the work on the new church building.

Mrs. Belle Carey, of Valparaiso, was in the city this week to look after her property. She will sail in June for a six months' tour of Europe. Her first point of interest visited will be Paris.

A beautiful silk quilt may be seen at the Eureka drug store, Indiana avenue and California street, to be given by the Ladies' Guild of St. Phillip Episcopal Mission at its May fair to be held from May 18 to 21, to the person holding the lucky number.

The Wistaria Club elected the following officers at its last meeting: President, Vena Gray; vice president, Susie Kennedy; secretary, Bertha Morgan; treasurer, Nannie Wright. The club held a business meeting last night with Mrs. Susie Harper.

The Kennedia Club met this week with Mrs. Robert Wiggins. Prizes were won by Mrs. Edward Scott, Maggie Taylor and N. Jones. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Maggie Taylor, 2450 Ethel avenue. Prizes were won by Mrs. James Etter, Mrs. James Hurt, and Mrs. Rufus Kuykendall.

Rev. L. M. Hagood, presiding elder of the Lexington district of the Lexington Conference, is preparing to remove to Los Angeles, Cal., about May 25, where he will have charge of one of the largest colored churches in California. Mrs. Hagood and daughter Mary will accompany him.

Rev. J. H. Manley, D. D., presiding elder Indianapolis District, A. M. E. Zion Church, will preach and lecture at Free Will Baptist Church and A. M. E. Zion Church, Terre Haute, Ind., Sunday and Monday, May 9 and 10. Zion Church Quarterly and Knoxville Journal say that Rev. Manley, the "Live Wire," has drawn large audiences and won high commendations from both pulpit and press. His delictations of the human character, humor, carries his audiences by storm.

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ODD FELLOWS SERMON.

The G. U. O. O. F. and Households of Ruth will hold their annual sermon and thanksgiving service at Bethel A. M. E. Church Sunday, May 9. Rev. H. J. Callis will deliver the sermon and Henry Rogan will act as master of ceremonies. G. L. Jones will be the orator.

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NOTICE.

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ENTERTAINED AT WHIST.

Miss Henrietta Davis and Mrs. Lena Stone entertained a large company Tuesday from 4 to 6 at the home of the former, in honor of Mrs. Nora Bell of Louisville. Prize whist was the pastime. There were nine tables. Prizes were given as follows: First prize, Margaret Worthington; second prize, Florence Bennett; third prize, Carrie White. An elaborate menu was served.

At the class rally at Simpson Chapel Tuesday evening, $25 was realized. Rev. Morton of Scott's Chapel preached the sermon.

Mrs. Marinda King of Hampton Station, Tenn., is visiting her many friends and relatives in this city. Also stopping at 202 East Tenth street, the home of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Johnson.

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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Everybody is invited to be present at the big public meeting that is to be held in Jones Tabernacle, corner West North and Blackford streets, on Sunday at 3 p. m. A splendid program is being arranged, consisting of a thirty-minute program by the orchestra; selections from the glee club, composed of twenty voices, who will make their first appearance in public; duet by Miss Leonard and Mrs. Porter; special song service with orchestra, glee club, pipe organ and congregation. Also the annual report of the general secretary will be given, and opporeunity will be given to all who wish to say anything for or against the Association. All are requested to be on time, as the program will start promptly at 3 p. m.

The annual financial campaign for funds to run the Association during the year is in full swing, and the Board of Directors are working with might and main to make it a big success. Over $1,300 will have to be raised by subscriptions, and they are expecting to do this in six days.

The business men's banquet on Tuesday night was a high success. A. H. Godard was the speaker of the occasion, and after the annual report was given by the general secretary $252 was subscribed by the men present.

All who can help should do so now. The success of this work depends upon the assistance given it by the colored people of the city.

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QUINCY, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Dunlay left last week for Burlington, Iowa, where they will spend a few weeks with their mother, then they will go to Chicago to visit Mrs. T. L. Allen...Rev. T. L. Smith and Mrs. J. F. Johnson have returned from Salesburg, Ill., where they attended the Sunday school district convention, of which Mrs. Johnson was president, and was re-elected by acclamation. Rev. T. L. Smith preached their sermon...The marriage of Miss Lillie Douglas, daughter of Mrs. Mary Douglas, and Mr. Earl Foster, at the Douglas home last Wednesday evening was a social event. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. L. Smith. The bride was beautiful in her traveling suit. The home was beautifully decorated in green and white...Mrs. Fannie Curl died last Wednesday at 5:30 p. m., after a brief illness. She leaves a father, two brothers and two sisters and a hostfriends. Funeral was held at the Eighth and Elm Baptist Church. Rev. T. L. Smith conducted the services...The hodcarriers had their annual sermon preached at the eBthel A. M. E. Church last Sunday, Rev. J. H. Syder officiated...Capt. R. A. Byrd was in the city last Friday evening, and reported that Co. I will go in camp at Camp Lincoln in Springfield, Ill., this year...The Baptist State Convention will meet here this year at the Eighth and Elm street Church.

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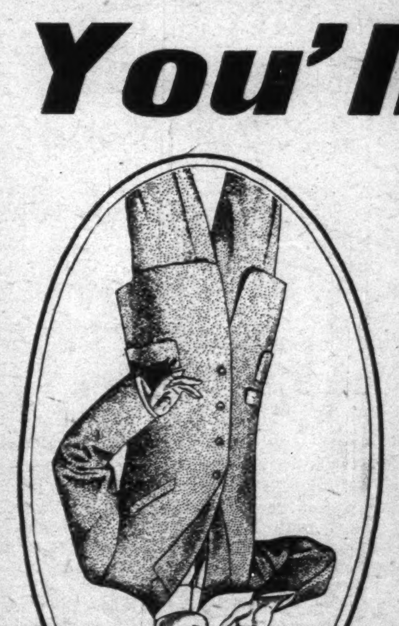

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